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Inari Konkon
Morohe Yoshida

M-MY..
...INARI.
!
SO, UM...
I'LL COME PICK YOU UP, AND WE CAN WALK TO SCHOOL TOGETHER STARTING TOMORROW.
THANKS, KOJI!
GOOD-NIGHT...
...MY INARI.
I'M SO HAPPY, IT'S SCARING ME.

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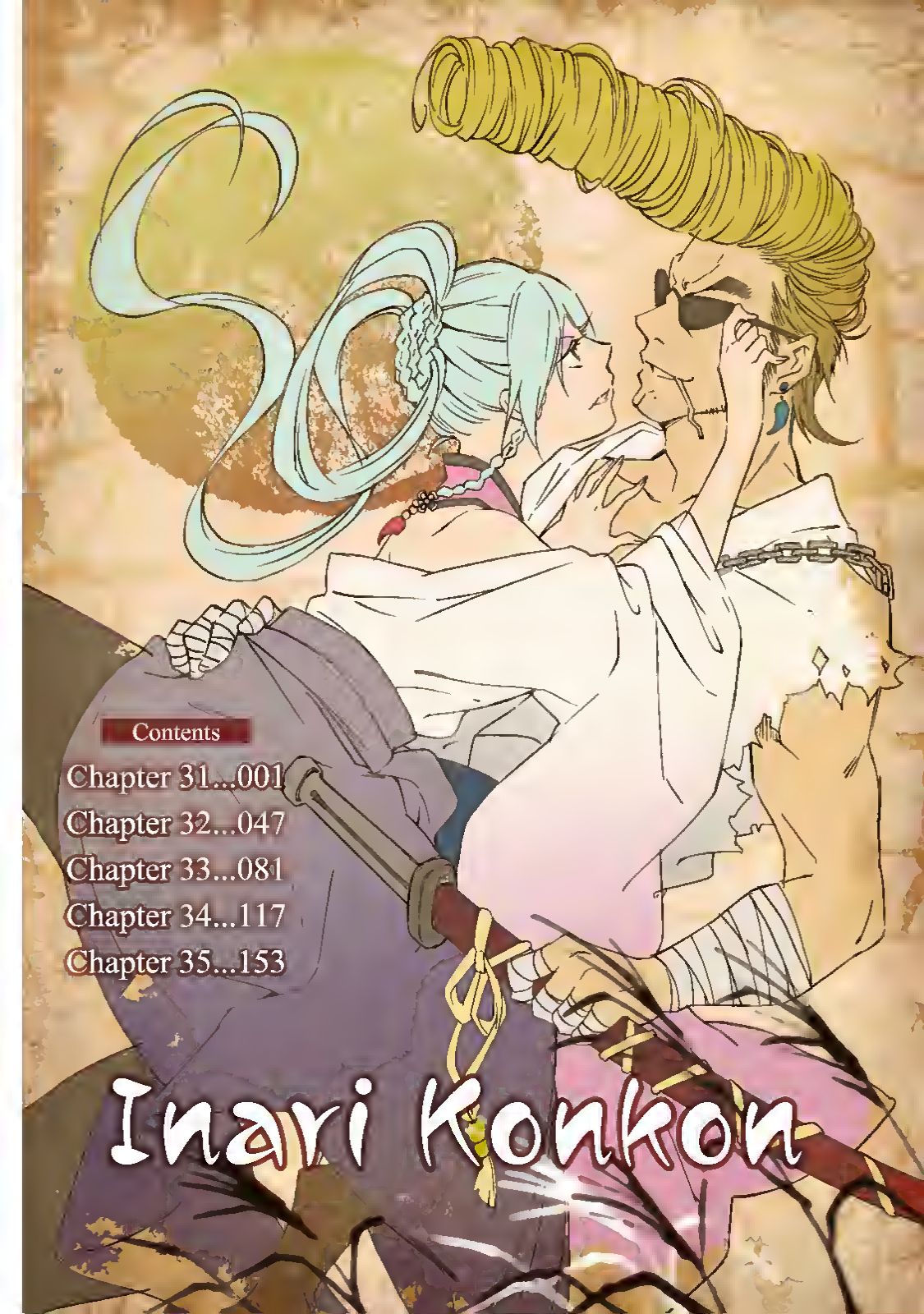

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Inari Konkon

A DREAM...?
...?
INARI
B BACK
INARI
BLINK
KNOCK KNOCK
...
WAIT, WHAT WAS I DREAMING?
FWAH
HEY, INARI.
YOUR BOYFRIEND IS HERE TO PICK YOU UP.
BOYF---?!
BOING!

M-M-M-MORNING J-J-JUST GIVE ME A FEW MINUTES MORE TO GET READY
TAKE YOUR TIME.

MORNING, INARI!

SHUP SHUP SHUP
INARI, YOU'RE UP EARLY TODAY.

IT'S NOT A DREAM!!
KOJI AND I LIKE EACH OTHER!!
PATTER
PATTER

AH, MY ZIT IS GONE! AND I DON'T HAVE BED HEAD..

I WAS SO HAPPY TO BE GOING TO SCHOOL WITH YOU...
NO, NOT AT ALL. YOUR TIMING WAS FINE, JUST.. PERFECT!
SORRY, INARI
I PROBABLY CAME TOO EARLY.
HEH HEH
...THAT I WOKE UP REALLY EARLY.
KOJI...
OH YEAH, I HAD AN IDEA!
HUH?
YOU SHOULD HAVE A NICKNAME FOR ME NOW THAT YOU'RE MY GIRLFRIEND

OKAY...
...KO.
...!
WHY NOT JUST CALL ME "KO"?
K-K-
K-K-K...

A VACATION?
WHAAAA..?!
JUST THE TWO OF YOU?!

BLUSH
カアア
OHHH
IT'S LIKE A HONEYMOON...!
IT'S FOR THE GOLDEN WEEK HOLIDAY.
WE CAN'T GO VERY FAR, SO SOMEWHERE CLOSE WOULD BE NICE

WOW.
INARI, YOU AND KOJI SHOULD GO SOMEWHERE, TOO.
NOD
こくり
WHAT DO YOU SAY?
HMM...

HEY, CHIKA!
DON'T GIVE ME THAT FACE
CAN YOU DRAW SOMETHING FOR THE BASKETBALL TOURNAMENT POSTERS?
SURE, NO PROBLEM!
きゃい
PLEASE
きゃい
PLEASE
?

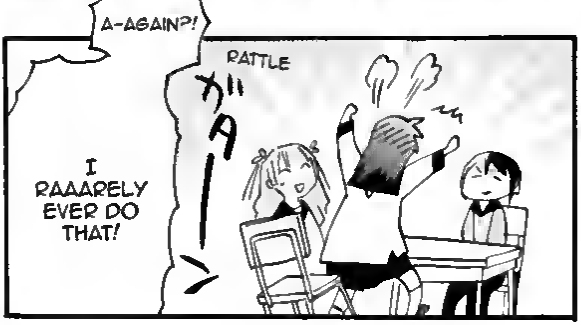
DA--?
HAS YOUR BRAIN CAUGHT UP WITH REALITY YET?
YOU SHOULD AT LEAST GO ON A WEEKEND DATE BEFORE GOLDEN WEEK.

I SEE.
THAT'S WHAT COUPLES DO, GO ON ..
..DATES.

DATES...?

A DATE?

HUH?
INARI?
HAVING DIRTY THOUGHTS AGAIN?


A-AGAIN?!
RATTLE
I RAAARELY EVER DO THAT!

ACTUALLY, I WAS JUST THINKING THE SAME THING.
I WANTED TO GO SOMEWHERE, JUST THE TWO OF US.
.....
YEAH! I WAS THINKING THIS WEEKEND.
WHAT DO YOU THINK?!
PFFFFFT!
WE THINK ALIKE...
HOW ABOUT SOMEWHERE IN KYOTO OR OSAKA?
YEAH, IT'S BEFORE A HOLIDAY, AND WE DON'T WANT TO PAY A LOT FOR TRAINS..
WELL, WE DON'T WANT TO GO VERY FAR, RIGHT?
OH! UM! UM!!
IS THERE SOMEWHERE SPECIFIC YOU WANT TO GO?

I HAVE AN IDEA!
HOW ABOUT SHOPPING ON THE WEEKEND AND HIRAKATA PARK DURING GOLDEN WEEK?
WHAT DO YOU..
..THINK ..?

SHRINE
!
INARI?
...
KO...

...
SURE I GUESS
DO YOU MIND IF WE GO HOME THIS WAY?

WHY THIS WAY? WE DON'T NEED TO TAKE A SHORTCUT
I KNOW...
YOU ALWAYS WAKE UP EARLY..
SO YOU'VE BEEN TAKING THE REGULAR ROUTE TO SCHOOL.
AND FROM NOW ON...
...WE ALWAYS WILL.
KO...

?!
A DATE AT THE SHRINE?
ACTUALLY, I'D LIKE TO HAVE THE DATE HERE

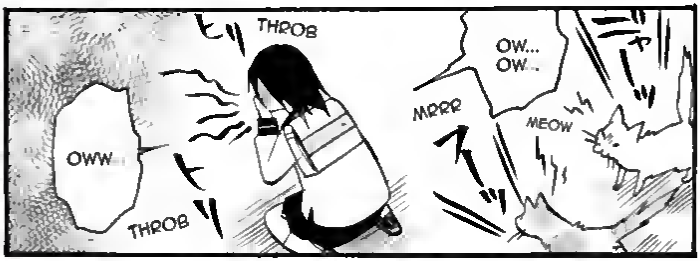
SHWAA
TH-THAN--
OKAY, INARI...
..IF THAT'S WHAT YOU WANT, WE CAN HAVE THE DATE HERE.
.....
BUT..I WANT TO SEE THE PORTABLE SHRINE CARRIED THROUGH HERE AND..
DON'T YOU THINK THAT'S.. BORING?

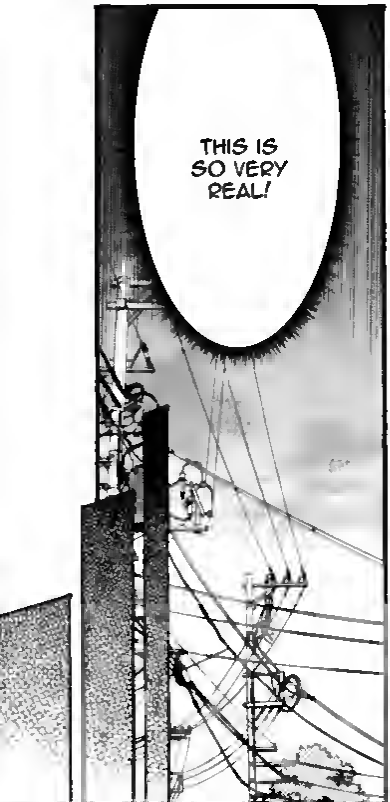
INARI...
...I LOVE YOU.

LET'S TALK MORE ABOUT THE DETAILS TOMORROW
SEE YOU!

URRRGHHH!
OUUUUCH!

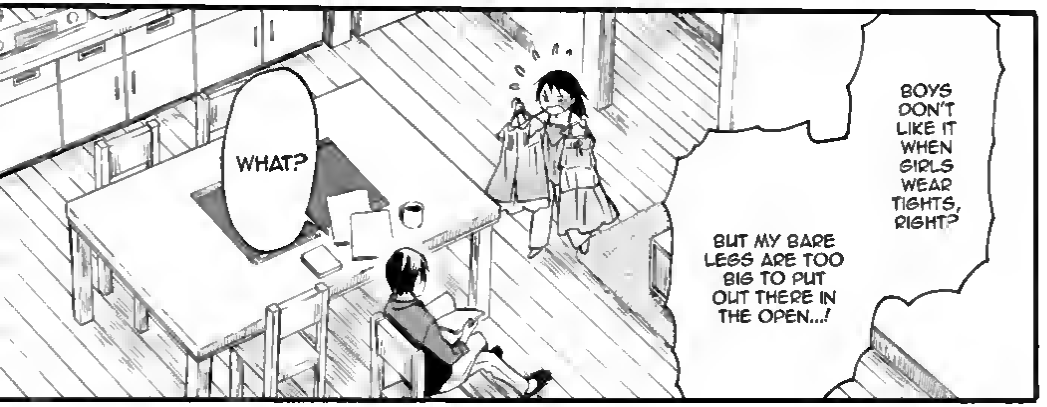
...
LOVE...


THROB
OWW
THROB
MRRR
OW...
OW..
MEOW

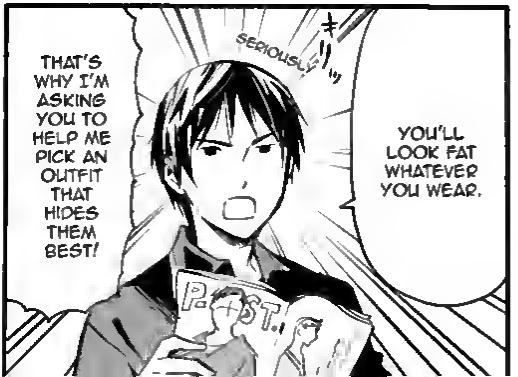

THIS IS SO VERY REAL!

THIS ISN'T A DREAM!!

TOKA.
THUMP THUMP
TOKA!
PLEASE, PICK AN OUTFIT!


WHAT?
BUT MY BARE LEGS ARE TOO BIG TO PUT OUT THERE IN THE OPEN...!
BOYS DON'T LIKE IT WHEN GIRLS WEAR TIGHTS, RIGHT?

AHHH... HE'S GOING TO BE HERE SOON!
DING DONG
EEEEEK!
HUFF HUFF


THAT'S WHY I'M ASKING YOU TO HELP ME PICK AN OUTFIT THAT HIDES THEM BEST!
SERIOUSLY!
YOU'LL LOOK FAT WHATEVER YOU WEAR.

INARI SHRINE FESTIVAL

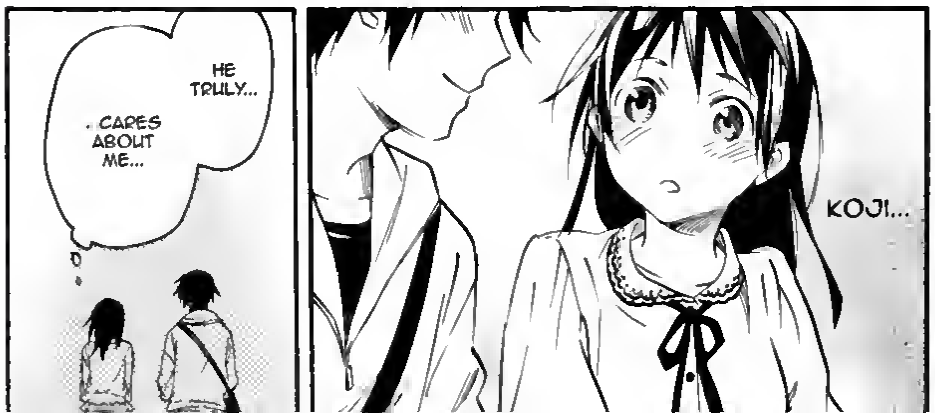
FATTY
おんどう デブ
I WENT WITH A LONG SKIRT...
...STUPID TOKA.

AHHH...
CRUNCH
CRUNCH

?!
INARI, THAT OUTFIT LOOKS CUTE ON YOU.

BUT YOU PICKED IT OUT WITH ME IN MIND, RIGHT?
!
SINCE I DON'T HAVE ANY GUY FRIENDS TO ASK, OR GOOD SENSE LIKE AKEMI...
Y-YOU THINK SO?
...I DON'T REALLY KNOW WHAT BOYS THINK IS CUTE.

YOU'RE ALWAYS CUTE, INARI...
...NO MATTER WHAT YOU'RE WEARING.

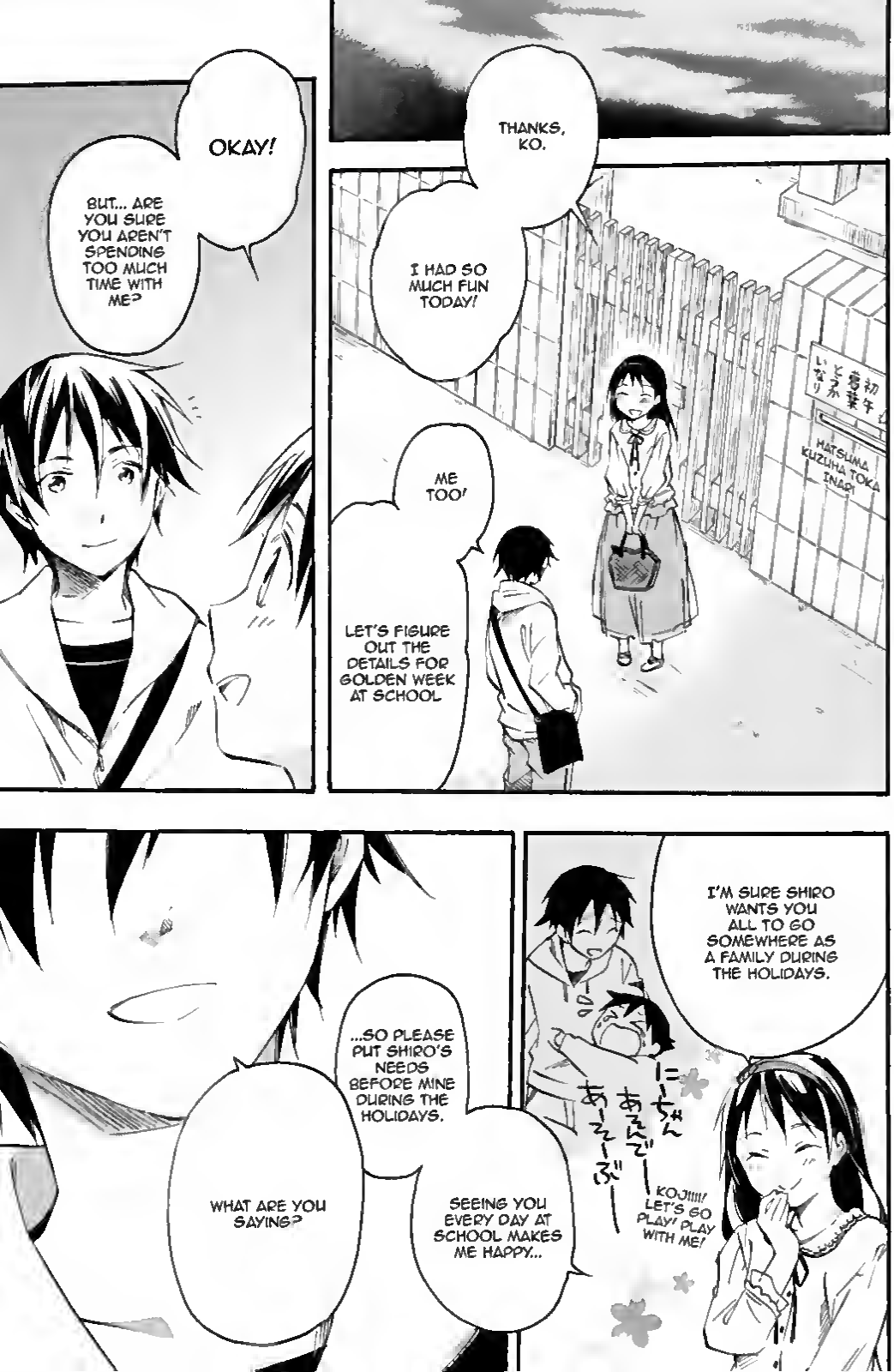

HE TRULY...
...CARES ABOUT ME...
KOJI...

I'M SO HAPPY...
...
HUH?
IT'S THE PORTABLE SHRINE LET'S WASH OUR HANDS FIRST
INARI, LOOK!
AH...
I FEELS LIKE
WE'VE BEEN HERE TOGETHER BEFORE..
O..
OKAY!

THAT'S SUZAKU, RIGHT? ONE OF THE FOUR...
SAY "CHEESE."
SNAP
IT'S JUST A SPAR-ROW!
AH HA HA HA

...LET HIM STAY BY MY SIDE FOREVER.

PLEASE, GOD...

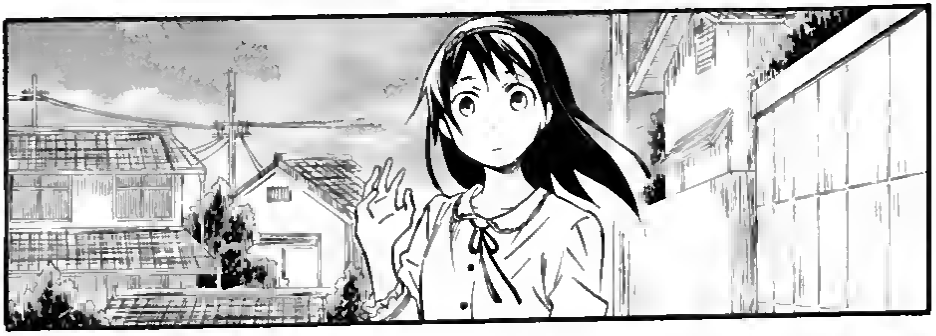

OKAY!
BUT... ARE YOU SURE YOU AREN'T SPENDING TOO MUCH TIME WITH ME?
THANKS, KO.
I HAD SO MUCH FUN TODAY!
ME TOO!
LET'S FIGURE OUT THE DETAILS FOR GOLDEN WEEK AT SCHOOL
HATSUMA KUZUHA TOKA INARI
I'M SURE SHIRO WANTS YOU ALL TO GO SOMEWHERE AS A FAMILY DURING THE HOLIDAYS.
KO!!!!! LET'S GO PLAY! PLAY WITH ME!
SEEING YOU EVERY DAY AT SCHOOL MAKES ME HAPPY...
...SO PLEASE PUT SHIRO'S NEEDS BEFORE MINE DURING THE HOLIDAYS.
WHAT ARE YOU SAYING?

RATHER THAN SPEND TIME WITH MY FAMILY...
...I'D MUCH RATHER SPEND IT WITH YOU, INARI.

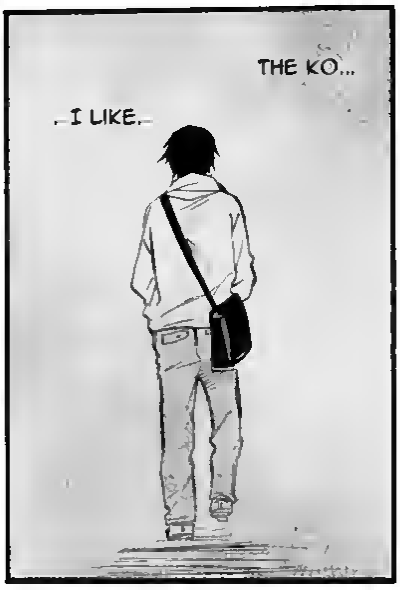
B...
BUT...!
IT'S LATE. LET'S CALL IT A NIGHT.
NO MATTER HOW MUCH SHIRO CRIES ..
...I WILL CHOOSE YOU, INARI DON'T WORRY ABOUT THAT.
...
...?

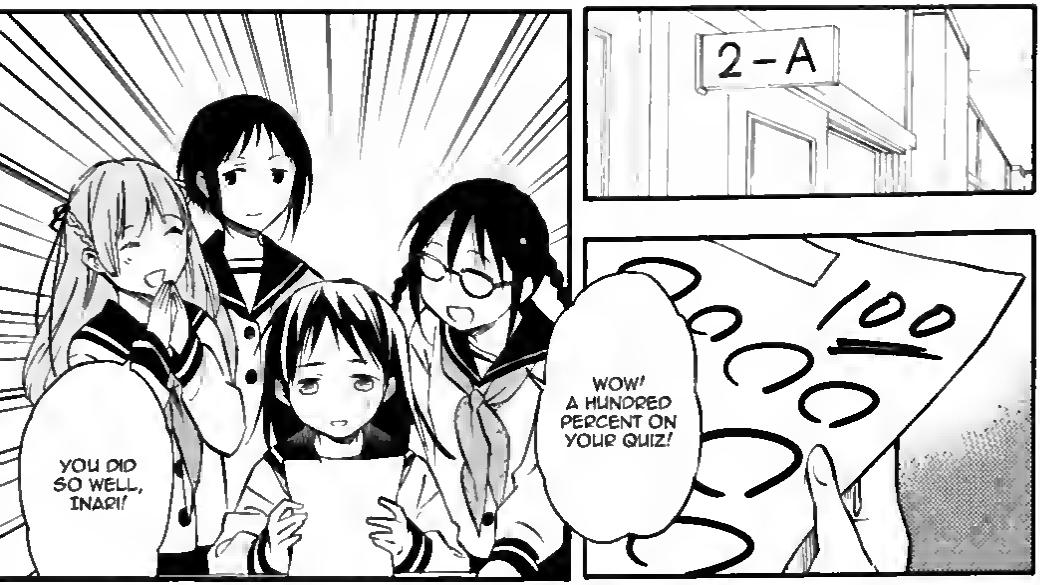
I'LL COME PICK YOU UP AGAIN TOMORROW.
AH...
TH-THANKS BUT DON'T OVERDO IT...
I MEAN, YOU HAVE MORNING PRACTICES AND JOGGING TO WORRY ABOUT...
JOGGING?
OH, THAT..
I DON'T...
...DO ANYTHING LIKE THAT ANYMORE.

SEE YOU!
TUP
NIGHT!



...ALWAYS...
...WORKS SO HARD.


THE KO...
. I LIKE.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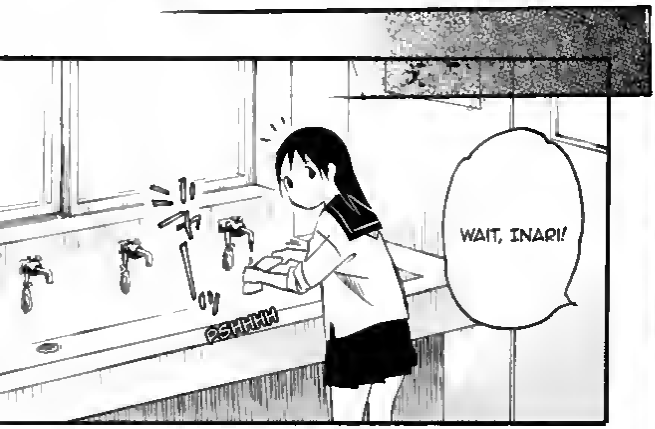
100
YOU DID SO WELL, INARI!
WOW! A HUNDRED PERCENT ON YOUR QUIZ!


WAIT, INARI!
ASHAHH

DID I...
REALLY STUDY HARD ENOUGH TO GET THIS SCORE?

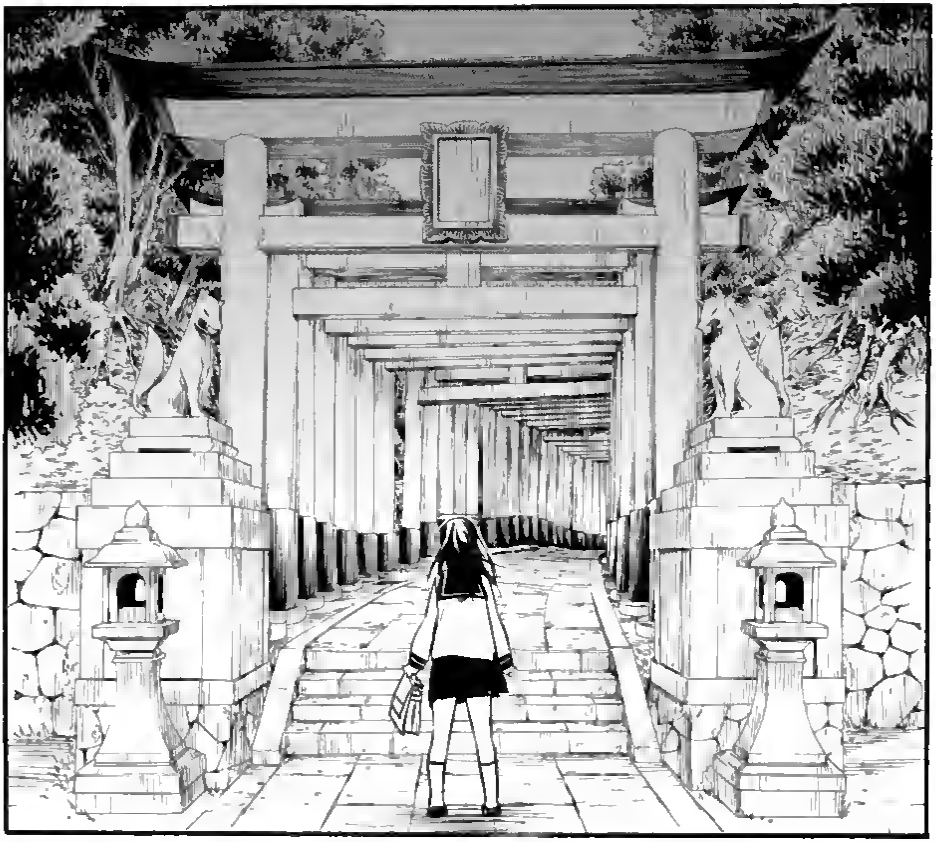
SWIP
WHY? I CAN DO TH--
NO, IT'S COOL!
I'LL WRING OUT THAT RAG FOR YOU!

HELP CONSERVE WATER
節水を
HERE YOU GO
TH-THAN---
BZZZING

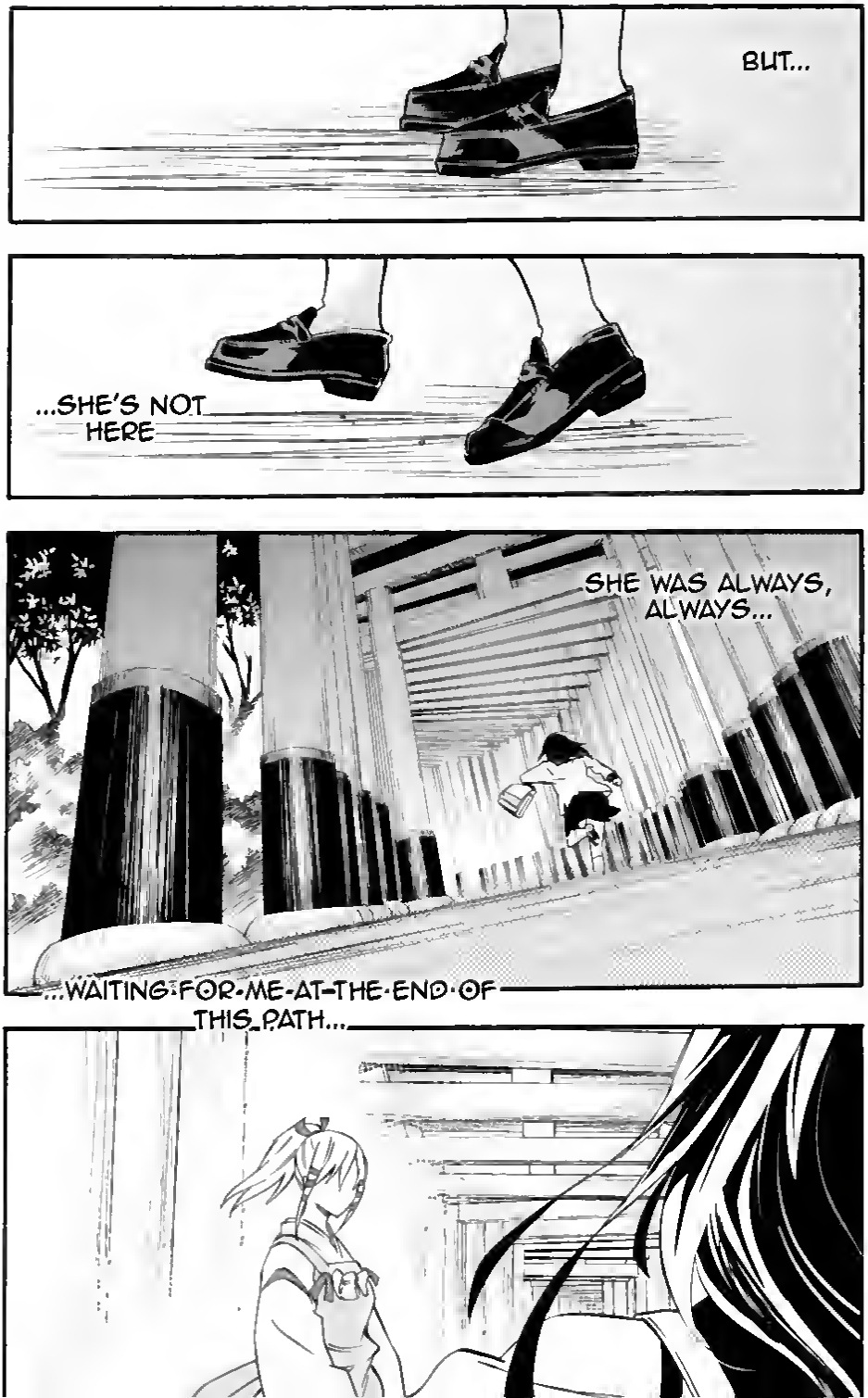
HM? A TEXT...
IT'S FROM MY MOM..
CLICK

SHE SAYS SHIRO HAS A FEVER AND I NEED TO GO PICK HIM UP.
YOU SHOULD STOP CLEANING AND GO GET HIM!
OH, NO!
.....
WELL..
WHAT DID SHE SAY?

SHOO
ぐいっ
?
I'M FINE. GO!
BUT...
SHOO
ぐいっ
INARI...
HURRY!!
.....



...I COULD BE HAPPY FOREVER HERE...
THIS LIFE IS LIKE A DREAM.


BUT...
...SHE'S NOT HERE
SHE WAS ALWAYS, ALWAYS...
...WAITING FOR ME AT THE END OF THIS PATH...

MISTRESS UKA!
THUD
AHHH...!
FWUMP

K-KO...JI...?
IS SHIRO OKAY?
THE KOJI I LIKE...
I WAS WORRIED ABOUT YOU...
SO I CAME BACK.
...ALWAYS...
...WORKS SO HARD

HE ALWAYS PUTS HIS FAMILY FIRST...
AS LONG AS I HAVE YOU, INARI, I DON'T NEED ANYONE ELSE...

WHUMP

INA--
I'M NOT THAT SMART.
IN TESTS...
...I CAN NEVER GET ALL THE ANSWERS.
I GET BED HEAD..
...AND ZITS...
INARI..?
THIS...
THIS ISN'T ME.

AND YOU AREN'T KOJI, EITHER!
SEND ME BACK TO WHERE MISTRESS UKA IS!

I'LL REVEAL TO YOU THE TRUTH, THEN...
YOU ONLY NEED TO...
...BREAK THIS ILLUSION USING YOUR OWN FREE WILL.

SHHHHHAA
THIS DREAM WORLD IS FALSE, BUILT UPON HOPES AND WISHES ..
...AND YET, YOU CHOOSE THE TRANSIENCE OF REALITY.
I DON'T CARE IF I'M PUSHED AWAY..
...OR GIVEN THE COLD SHOULDER...
AS LONG AS...

...I KNOW MY OWN FEELINGS OF LOVE AND KEEP HIM IN MY HEART, THAT'S ALL I NEED.
JUST YOUR FEELINGS?

DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE...
..THAT MY FEELINGS FOR YOU WERE ENTIRELY FALSE?
WHEN I GET BACK...
...LET ME FIND OUT IF THEY'RE FALSE OR NOT.
INARI...
...KONKON...

Chapter 31 - END

BORN JANUARY 9
CAPRICORN
BLOOD TYPE O
HEIGHT: 5'5"
WEIGHT: 112 LB.
HOBBIES:
READING, FISHING
HAJIME
HASHIMOTO
RYUICHI
IDEMACHI
BORN SEPTEMBER 12
VIRGO
BLOOD TYPE O
HEIGHT: 5'3"
WEIGHT: 110 LB.
HOBBIES:
SOCCER,
VIDEO
GAMES

MINAMI
MOMOYAMA
BORN JULY 28
LEO
BLOOD TYPE O
HEIGHT: 4'11"
WEIGHT: 84 LB.
HOBBIES: SHOPPING
BORN JULY 27
LEO
BLOOD TYPE O
HEIGHT: 5'3"
WEIGHT: 117 LB.
HOBBIES: EATING,
TRYING NEW CAFES
KYOKO
KANGETSU

HUFF
HUFF
MISTRESS UKA!!
Chapter 32
I'VE BROUGHT MISTRESS AMATERASU!
SHUFF
LET GO! I'M WATCHING MY MIDNIGHT DRAMA.
SHUFF
.....
ERR
THERE'S NO TIME FOR THAT RIGHT NOW
THEN WHAT IS IT TIME FOR?!
ERR

CRRREEAAAKKK
!!
MISTRESS UKA? WHAT'S WRONG?
.....
OH MY, IT OPENED!
BIN! RECORD MY DRAMA, QUICKLY!
WOOHOO! SOMETHING TO DO!
IT WOULD APPEAR THAT MISS INARI WAS SUCKED INTO A MIRROR.
WHAT'S GOING ON HERE?
IT'S ALL RIGHT NOW...
INARI HAS COME BACK.

SWISHHH

FWUMP
INARI!

...
...!
TWITCH

ZZZ
ZZZ
I'M SO GLAD SHE'S SAFE.

MIS-
TRESS
LIKA...
I CAN'T
BELIEVE
IT...!
MISTRESS
AMATERASU!
WHAT IS
THE MEANING
OF THIS?
PWP
UMM... IT
WAS A PART
OF HER
TRAINING!
ZZZZ
I MADE UP AN
IDEAL HUMAN
WORLD FOR HER.
WHERE DID
YOU EVEN
FIND TIME
FOR THAT?!
I THOUGHT
SHE WOULD
CHOOSE
THAT
WORLD...
...AND I
COULD
PROVE SHE
WAS WEAK-
WILLED.

THERE YOU GO, RUNNING HOT AND COLD AGAIN! ♥
I NEVER THOUGHT SHE WOULD CHOOSE UKA.
AH...! SO, THIS MEANS...
CLAP
FAR FROM IT! SHE HAS TO PAY FOR THE SIN OF LETTING HER POWER RUN WILD...!
I SEE NOW! MISTRESS AMATERASU JUST WANTED TO KNOW THE DEPTH OF MISS INARI'S FEELINGS FOR MISTRESS UKA.
...SHE CAN BE DONE WITH TRAINING?

MISTRESS UKA? WHAT'S THE MATTER?
NOTHING

NOW, NOW, YOU CAN ONLY PICK ON NEW GODS UP TO A POINT, AFTER WHICH COMPLAINTS...
BE QUIET!

...NOTHING AT ALL.

キィ CREAK
キィ... CREAK
INARI?
!

WHEN DID YOU GET HOME?
ZZZ
ZZZ
.....

INARI...
WAKE UP
INARI
BLINK
11°
INARI!
CLACK
AH!
?!
WAKE UP IT'S TIME TO EAT YOUR NEW YEAR'S MEAL!
FWAH
T-TOKA?
...HUH?!
IS THIS... REALITY?
HUH?
UMM... HMM...??

YOU'RE GOING TO THE CELESTIAL PLAINS AGAIN TODAY, AREN'T YOU?
SKWEEZ
ARE YOU STILL ASLEEP?
OW..
HURRY AND WASH UP.
OKAYYY...
1月
JANUARY
OH, RIGHT.
. I CAME BACK.
ZZZ
ZZZ

OH...
..HAPPY NEW YEAR!
HEH HEH HEH
INARI, HAPPY NEW YEAR!
CRINKLE
HERE'S YOUR NEW YEAR'S MONEY.
YAY!
USE IT WISELY.
I WILL... THANKS!
I DIDN'T KNOW YOU'D BE COMING HOME LAST NIGHT..
YOU SHOULD HAVE WOKEN ME UP SO I COULD WARM UP YOUR NOODLES.
TWITCH
AH.. UMM...
SORRY! I MEANT TO STAY OVERNIGHT AT KEIKO'S BUT IN THE END I FELT A BIT HOMESICK...
!
DID YOU VISIT THE SHRINE WITH YOUR FRIENDS?

Y...
..YES...
..IT..
...WAS A LOT OF FUN
I SEE. I'D LIKE FOR US TO VISIT THE SHRINE AS A FAMILY, TOO. CAN YOU COME?
UM...
I'LL BE BACK IN THE EVENING. WILL THAT BE OKAY?

MISS INARI!
FWIP FWIP
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
MISTRESS UKA...
Celestial Plains
HAPPY NEW YEAR!
ARE YOU FEELING BETTER?
HAPPY NEW YEAR, MIYA.
I FEEL GREAT NOW!

DO YOU KNOW WHERE I CAN FIND MISTRESS UKA?
FWIP FWIP
I BELIEVE SHE'S WORKING IN HER ROOM...
. IF IT'S URGENT, I CAN PASS ON A MESSAGE?
LAST NIGHT, SHE MUST HAVE CARRIED ME ALL THE WAY HOME.
I JUST WANTED TO THANK HER.
I'LL BE SURE TO TELL HER AS SOON AS I HANG THESE CLOTHES TO DRY.
THANK YOU SO MUCH!
MAY I ASK YOU A QUESTION?
WHAT IS IT?

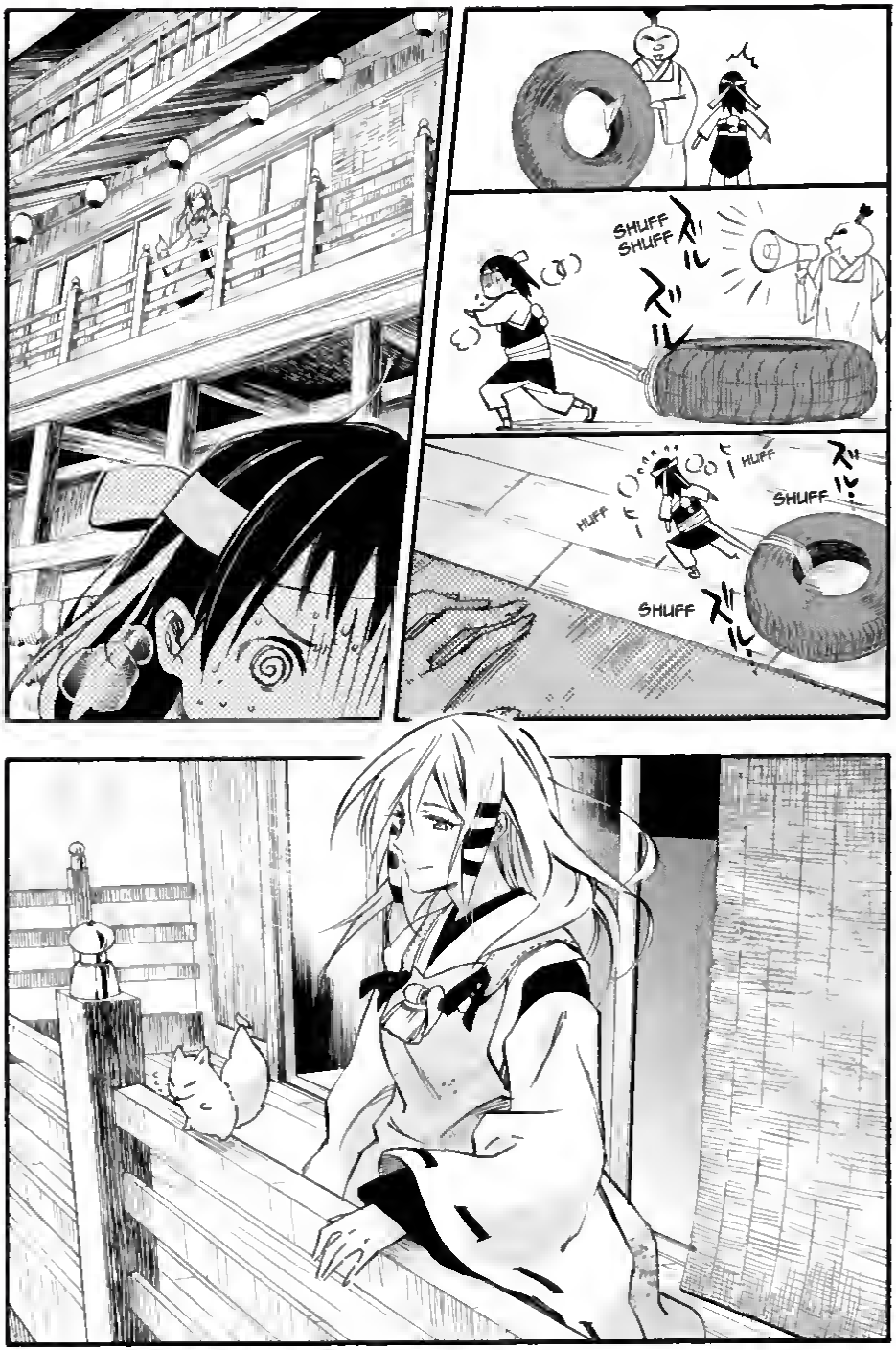
WHY DID YOU CHOOSE NOT TO STAY IN THE OTHER WORLD?

IF...
...I HAD MET THE KOJI IN THAT WORLD FIRST...
...I FEEL I CAN SAFELY SAY.
...I WOULD NOT HAVE FALLEN FOR HIM
THE KOJI I LOVE ONLY EXISTS IN THE REAL WORLD

AND...

MISS INARI, YOU REALLY DO CHERISH YOUR FRIENDSHIP WITH MISTRESS UKA.
YES!
I'M PROUD TO CALL HER MY FRIEND!
...I CAN ALSO SAY,
...THAT A WORLD WITHOUT MISTRESS UKA IS A VERY LONELY ONE.

THANKS, MIYA!
...DO YOUR BEST IN YOUR TRAINING!
IN THAT CASE, FOR THE SAKE OF YOUR FUTURE TOGETHER...


SHUFF
SHUFF
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HUFF
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ズル!
SHUFF
ズル

WHAT?!
THE CAPTAIN TOLD YOU THAT HE LIKED YOU?!
SUMIZOME
.....
YOU'RE GOING TO TURN HIM DOWN.. RIGHT?
AHH.. UMM..

I DON'T KNOW...
...!
I MEAN...
...DON'T YOU STILL HAVE A THING FOR KEIKO...?
I...
...AND I WOULDN'T BE SO CONFUSED.
...THEN THE PERSON I LIKED MIGHT HAVE LIKED ME BACK...
IF SO...
WOULD I HAVE LIKED HIM INSTEAD?
IMAGINE IF IT HAD BEEN THE CAPTAIN WHO CAME TO MY RESCUE THAT DAY.

...MIGHT HAVE FALLEN FOR ANYONE WHO RESCUED ME, EVEN IF IT HADN'T BEEN KEIKO!
I KEEP MAKING EXCUSES
I MEAN
...IT HURTS!
I LIKE KEIKO SO MUCH...
AKEMI...
I'VE NEVER BEEN IN LOVE BEFORE.
MAN
I'M NO HELP AT ALL...
BZZZZZ
BZZZZZ

BEEP
HELLO?
HI, CHIKA? FINISHED YOUR HOME-WORK?
NOT YET, I BET. WANT TO DO IT TOGETHER?
BZZZZ
SORRY, THAT'S MY PHONE...
CLACK
BZZZZ
...!
BZZZZ
IT'S KEIKO..

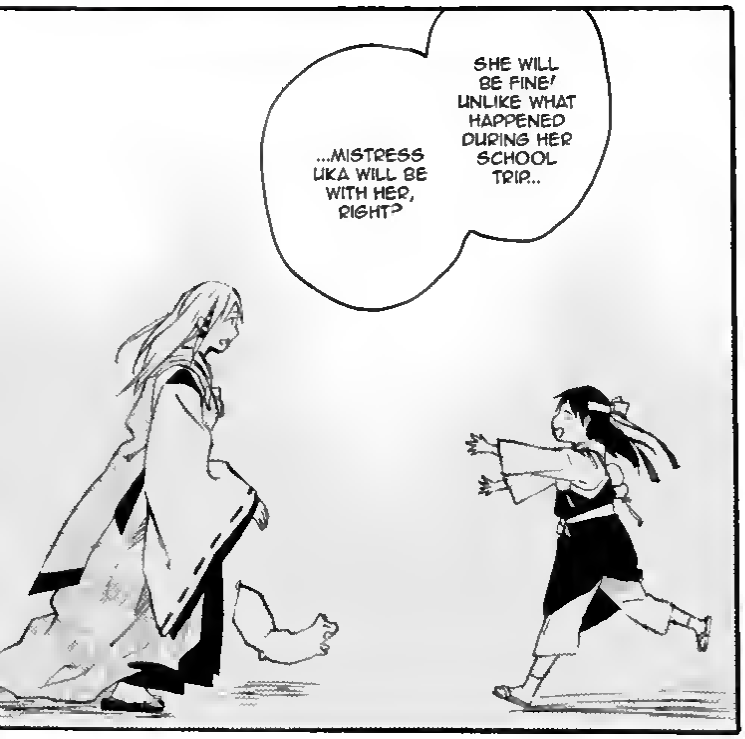
UH TODAY IS KIND OF--
WHERE ARE YOU RIGHT NOW?
UMM... AT AKEMI'S HOUSE
REALLY? PERFECT!
LET'S ASK HER TO SHOW US HER HOMEW--
YOU'RE SUCH AN IDIOT!

CH-CHIKA...
HUFF
HUFF
CLICK
プルルル
BZZZZ
BEEP
HELLO.
WHO ARE YOU CALLING AN IDIOT?!
DAMMIT.
ギー
ギー
GRR
GRR

WHAT'S WITH HER?
REALLY PISSES ME OFF!
CHIKA, OF ALL PEOPLE, WAS AT AKEMI'S HOUSE...?
I'VE...
.....
1月
JANUARY
..BEEN FEELING..
..REALLY LEFT OUT LATELY.

HI-NO-KAGASHIKO-NO-KAMI
TEA HOUSE
FIRE-WALKING SITE
TLIP
I...
I MADE IT.

Y-YES, SIR. THANK YOU VERY MUCH!
MAY YOU ALSO SEE CLEARLY AND NOT BE DECEIVED IN THE HUMAN WORLD.
AS I TOLD YOU, THE FLAMES ARE AN ILLUSION
!
FSHHHH
CONGRATU-LATIONS, LITTLE MISS INARI.
I DON'T KNOW WHY IT DIDN'T FEEL HOT


...MISTRESS UKA WILL BE WITH HER, RIGHT?
SHE WILL BE FINE! UNLIKE WHAT HAPPENED DURING HER SCHOOL TRIP..

ARE YOU STILL CONCERNED ABOUT THAT?
I STILL DON'T KNOW IF A HUMAN GIRL CAN REALLY HANDLE DIVINE POWER..

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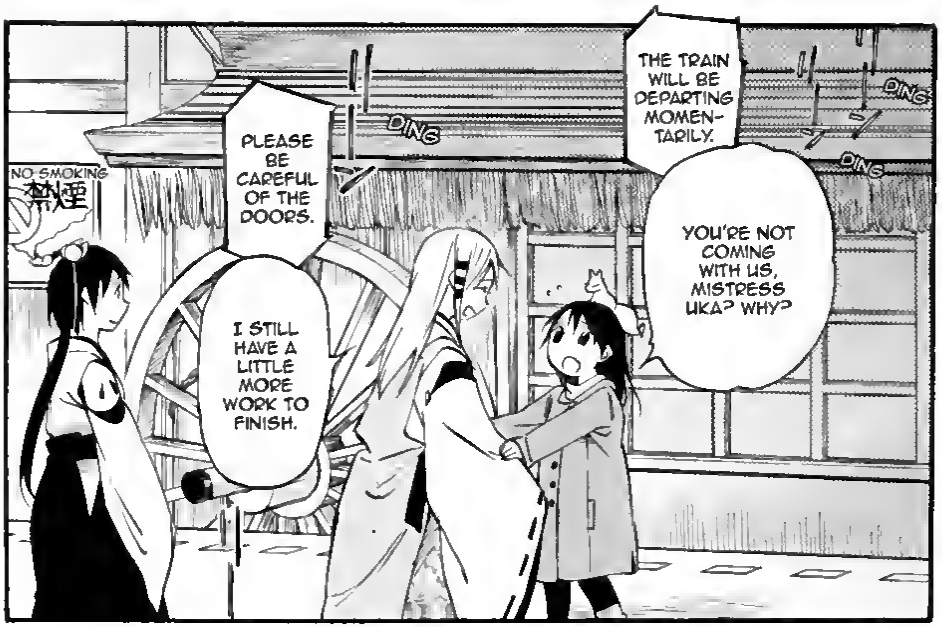
CELESTIAL PLAINS MAIN ENTRANCE


NO SMOKING
禁煙
PLEASE BE CAREFUL OF THE DOORS.
DING
I STILL HAVE A LITTLE MORE WORK TO FINISH.
THE TRAIN WILL BE DEPARTING MOMENTARILY.
DING
DING
YOU'RE NOT COMING WITH US, MISTRESS UKA? WHY?

INARI...

I CAN STAY AWHILE, SINCE IT'S THE START OF THE YEAR AND MY BROTHER ISN'T AROUND...
I PROMISE I'LL RETURN TO THE SHRINE SOON.
AWWW...
...WELL, UHH...
—I'LL BE WAITING FOR YOU IN THE HUMAN WORLD!

I REALLY WANT TO SEE YOU HAPPY, INARI.
THE DIVINE POWER YOU HAVE IS YOURS.
USE IT WISELY TO HELP MAKE YOURSELF, AND THOSE YOU HOLD DEAR, HAPPY.
...?
I WILL!
I PROMISE I WON'T MISUSE MY DIVINE POWER AGAIN!

MISTRESS UKA...
COME BACK...
SWISH
THE INARI IN THE MIRROR WORLD...
. WAS A NORMAL GIRL.
AND IN THAT WORLD...
...I WASN'T A PART OF HER LIFE.
THAT IS WHAT I WISH FOR.
I PRAY...
...THAT SHE WILL ENJOY LEADING A NORMAL LIFE.
I WONDER...
...HOW COULD I HAVE FORGOTTEN?
HUH?
I ALMOST FORGOT JUST HOW HAPPY IT FEELS..
..TO JUST BE WITH INARI.

I WONDER...
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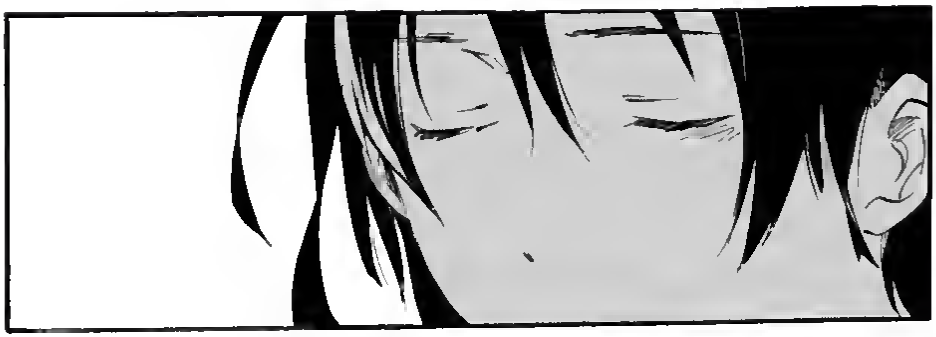
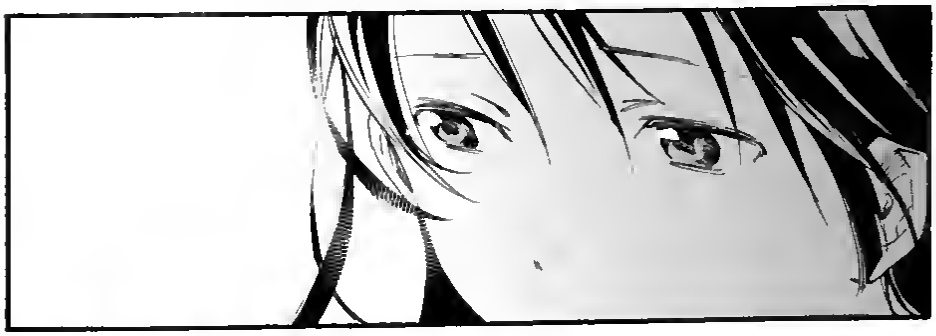
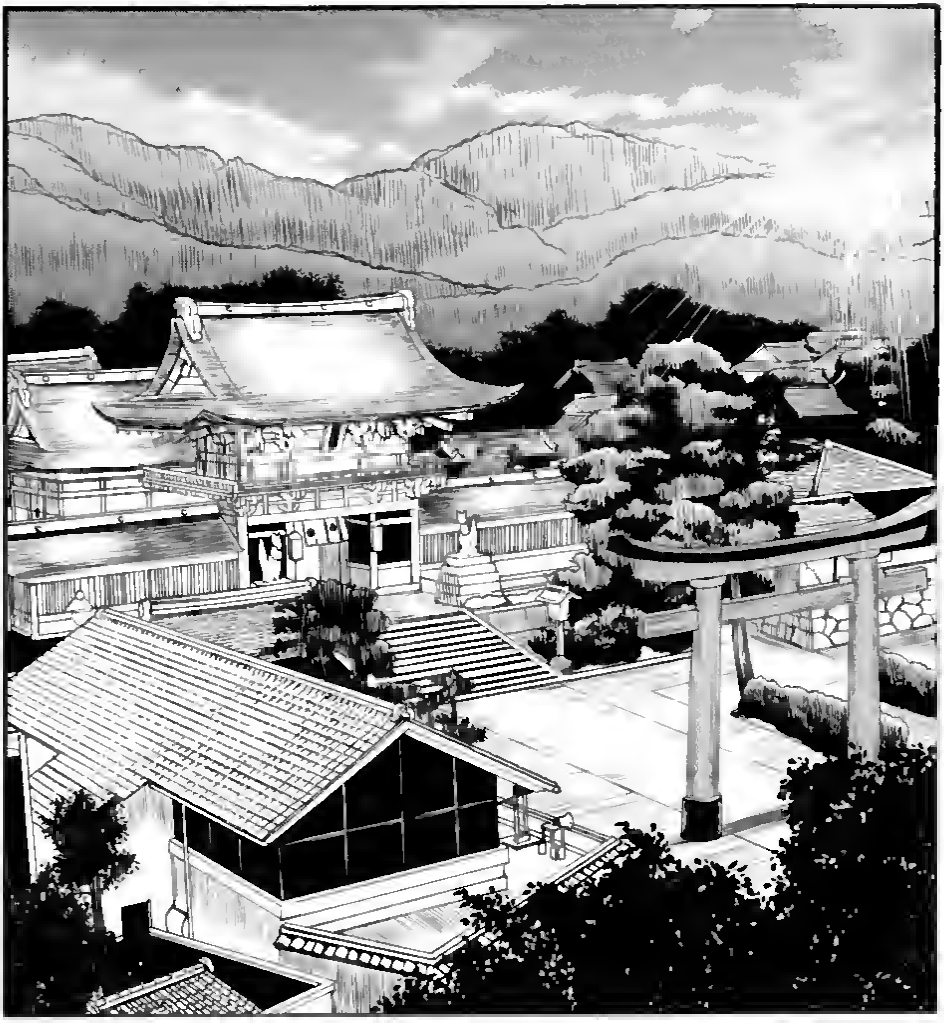
MISTRESS UKA...?
THE INARI IN THE MIRROR WORLD...
. WAS A NORMAL GIRL.
THAT IS WHAT I WISH FOR.
FWISH
AND IN THAT WORLD...
...I WASN'T A PART OF HER LIFE.
COME BACK...

...TO ME.

SHHAA!
MISTRESS UKA?!
TUP TUP TUP
I MUST...
..HURRY AND FINISH MY WORK!
?
...HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME.







THE THIRD TERM OF SCHOOL IS ABOUT TO BEGIN.

Chapter 32 - END

Inari Konkon

Chapter 33

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恋イロハ
INARI KONKON
KOIIROHA
VALENTINE'S FAIR
OPEN
Kemono's
ZAKKA SHOP
雑貨屋

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MUNCH
MUNCH
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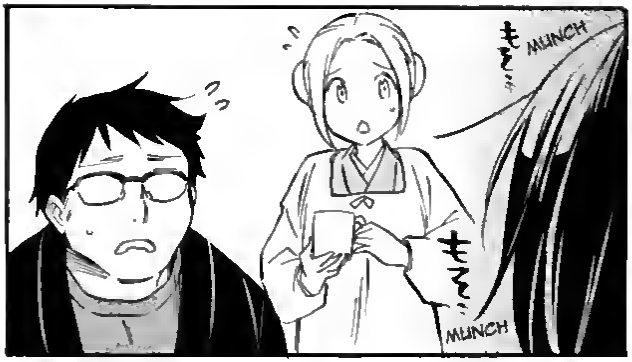
CHIRP CHIRP
チュン


MUNCH
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MUNCH

DID SOMETHING HAPPEN DURING THE HOLIDAYS?
WHA? UH, NO...!
ARE YOU NOT FEELING WELL, INARI? DON'T PUSH YOURSELF TOO HARD.
HUH?!

I'M FINE, JUST FINE! NOTHING'S WRONG AT ALL.
THANKS FOR THE FOOD.
KLATTER
SEE YOU LATER
UH, I'M GOING, TOO. THANKS!
HEY... INARI.
I THINK YOU SHOULD RELY ON YOUR FRIENDS AT LEAST.
HUH?

2-A
AH...
AHH...
M-MORNING
...
G-GOOD MORNING, KOJI!

TWINGE
AH...UMM...
I'M REALLY SORRY ABOUT CHRISTMA--
I TOLD YOU, IT'S FINE
WHATEVER YOU HAD GOING ON AT HOME IS NONE OF MY BUSINESS.

. HERE IT FEELS LIKE THINGS HAVE GONE BACK TO THE WAY THEY WERE...
MISTRESS UKA...
I'M GLAD WE BECAME FRIENDS BUT...

MISS INARI...
I'LL BE OKAY!!
!
I HAVE DIVINE POWER ON MY SIDE NOW!
MISS INARI...!
AND I HAVE MISTRESS UKA AND KON, TOO!
IT'S NOT AS IF THE TIME WE SPENT TOGETHER
厄除開運 GOOD LUCK
除災招福 CHARM AGAINST BAD LUCK
祇園 祇園八坂神社守護所
GION YASAKA SHRINE
.HAS DISAPPEARED!
IT'LL BE OKAY.
RUSTLE

I JUST HAVE TO TRY AGAIN.
...TO GET CLOSER, ONE STEP AT A TIME.
IT'LL BE OKAY.
IT'LL BE OKAY.

Dairy

Happy Valentine's Day
STRAWBERRY & CHOCOLATE COOKIES
OHHHH...
WOW!

IT'S WAY TOO EARLY!
THEY JUST WANT YOUR MONEY
Happy Valentine's Day
St. Valentine's Day
WOW, THEY ALREADY HAVE A VALENTINE'S DISPLAY THAT WAS QUICK!

I CAN TELL HIM HOW I FEEL WITH SOME HANDMADE CHOCOLATES!
I KNOW!
AND...
...AFTER HEARING HIM SAY THAT...
DO YOU REALLY BELIEVE MY FEELINGS FOR YOU WERE ENTIRELY FALSE?
I SHOULD ASK HIM HOW HE REALLY FEELS ABOUT ME.
I THINK THAT WAS THE GODS' WAY OF GIVING ME ADVICE.
HEY, AKEMI! YOU'RE GOOD AT MAKING SWEETS! CAN YOU TEACH ME?
HEE HEE
SURE.

GLOOM
?
WHY DON'T YOU MAKE SOME, TOO, AKEMI? YOU CAN CALL IT "FRIENDSHIP CHOCOLATE"!

WELL...
WHAT'S WRONG? WEREN'T YOU GOING TO GIVE SOMETHING TO KEIKO?

I DON'T KNOW, BUT..
TORN?! WELLLL.. DO YOU LIKE HIM?
?!
—HE LIKES ME... AND I'M TORN
ACTUALLY, THE BASKETBALL CAPTAIN TOLD ME.

AKEMI...

H-HOW DO YOU...?
!
IS HAVING FEELINGS FOR KEIKO HARD FOR YOU?

IT'S HARD FOR ME, TOO, SOMETIMES...
HUH...?

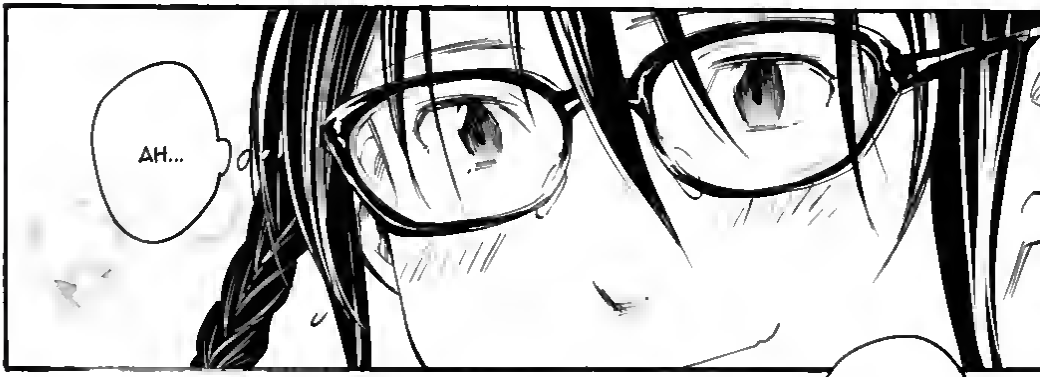
...BUT IT MIGHT HELP ME FORGET HER!

BUT JUST BECAUSE IT'S HARD...
...IT CAN BE HARD IT REALLY CAN.
IF YOU LOVE SOMEONE ..
IT DOESN'T MATTER IF IT'S A BOY OR A GIRL...

IS THAT A REASON TO THROW AWAY ALL THE HAPPINESS...
...THAT COMES WITH FALLING IN LOVE?
...!

EVEN IF YOU DO CHOOSE TO GO OUT WITH THE CAPTAIN, I'M SURE YOU'LL STILL HAVE OTHER THINGS TO STRESS OVER.
AND IT SEEMS LIKE TREATING YOUR OWN FEELINGS LIKE THEY AREN'T REAL...
...WOULD MAKE THINGS JUST AS HARD FOR YOU.
?

I'M SO GLAD...
...INARI'S HERE FOR HER.
PHEW...


AH...

LOVE...
I WANT TO TRY AND KNIT A SCARF!
YOUR MOM IS PRETTY GOOD AT KNITTING, ISN'T SHE?
YOU SHOULD ASK HER FOR HELP.
YOU'RE RIGHT!
WHAT ARE YOU GUYS TALKING ABOUT?
St. Valentine's

W-WE'RE NOT TALKING ABOUT ANYTHING!
UMM...
OH, SORRY
HURRY UP AND LET'S GET OUT OF HERE
FWISH FWISH
私はこれ買う
I'm buying this
MONTHLY KARATE LIFE
月刊空手命
!
WHY IS SHE IN SUCH A BAD MOOD TODAY? IS IT THAT TIME OF THE MONTH?
UMMM...
WHATEVER.
I'M GOING TO PAY FOR THIS.

ARE YOU GOING TO BUY CHOCO-LATES?
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TEP
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CHIKYU GAKUEN SCHOOL
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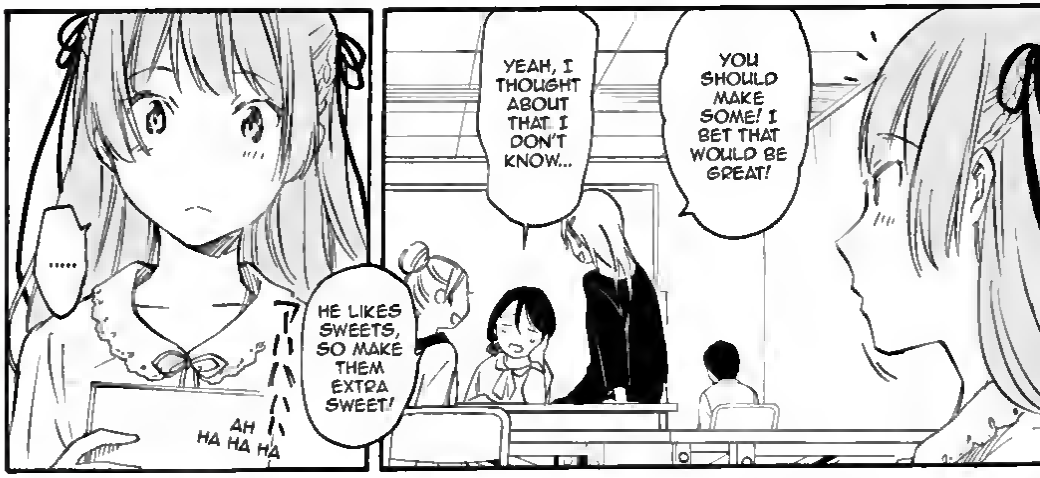
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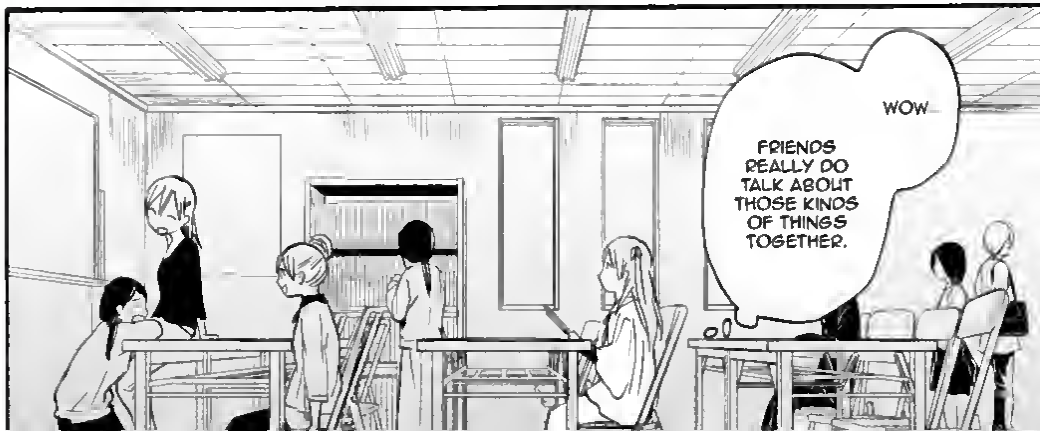
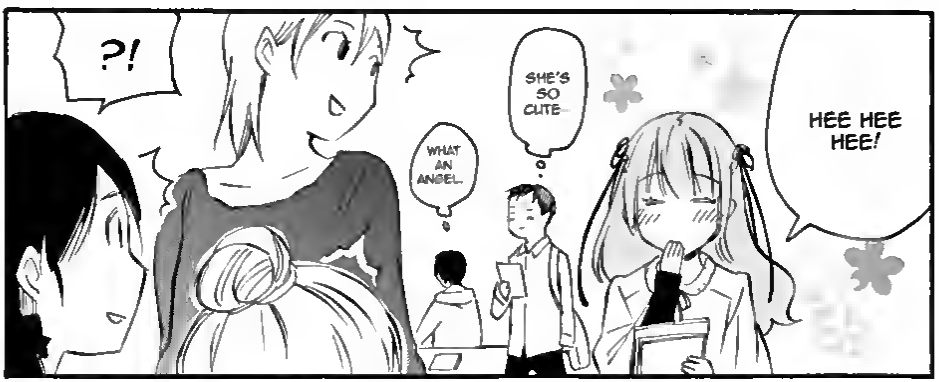
HE LIKES SWEETS, SO MAKE THEM EXTRA SWEET!
AH HA HA HA
YEAH, I THOUGHT ABOUT THAT. I DON'T KNOW...
YOU SHOULD MAKE SOME! I BET THAT WOULD BE GREAT!


WOW...
FRIENDS REALLY DO TALK ABOUT THOSE KINDS OF THINGS TOGETHER.

BUT, I...
..HAVE TO KEEP MY TRUE FEELINGS A SECRET FROM KEIKO.
AND IT SEEMS LIKE TREATING YOUR OWN FEELINGS LIKE THEY AREN'T REAL..
...WOULD MAKE THINGS JUST AS HARD FOR YOU.


?!
SHE'S SO CUTE
WHAT AN ANGEL
HEE HEE HEE!

GRRRR...
THIS IS HARRRD...
KLIK
KLIK
DO YOU NEED HELP?
NO! I'M OKAY! I CAN DO THIS!!

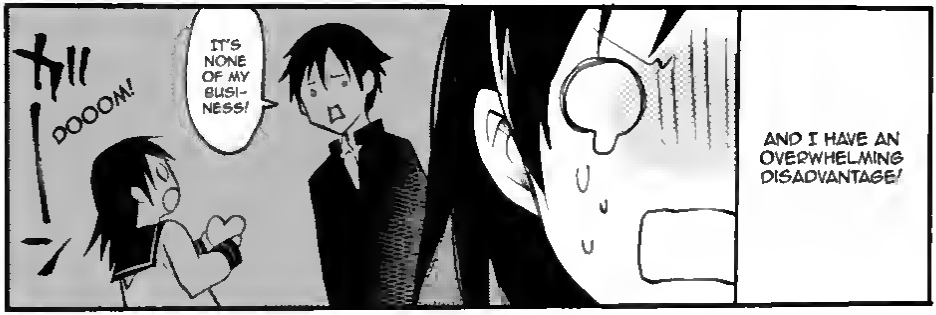
DO YOU REALLY THINK YOU'LL GET CHOCOLATES?
PFFT
プッ
WHERE SHOULD WE BUY OUR CHOCO-LATES?
LET'S BE DIFFERENT AND GO TO KAWARA-MACHI TO BUY THEM!
THIS TIME OF YEAR IS SO EXCITING.
AHHHH...
ざわ
CHATTER
CHATTER
ざわ

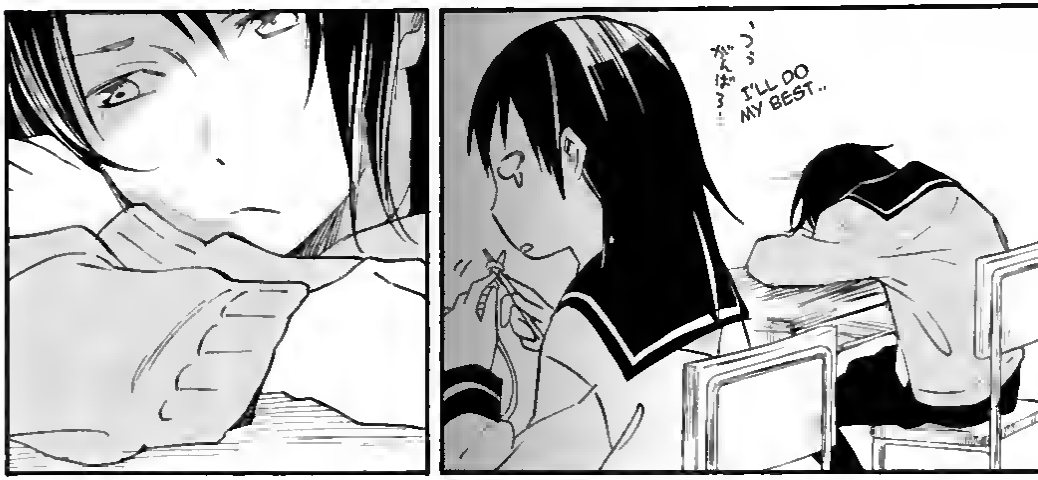
.....
WHAT'S THAT?
BASKETBALL MONTHLY
WHAT? SPEAK FOR YOURSELF.
TWITCH
RRRRIP
PSST
SO, KOJI, AREN'T YOU CURIOUS ABOUT WHAT INARI'S KNITTING OVER THERE?
UH.. KYOKO, RIGHT?
HEY, KOJI!
THERE HE IS!
...
ARRGHH
I-IT HAS NOTHING TO DO WITH ME, IDIOT! W-WHAT DO I CARE?!
BAM

.....
COME HERE FOR SECOND.
WHAT IS IT?
?
I WONDER...
NO!
DID SHE ASK YOU OUT?
WHAT DID SHE SAY?

BA-DUMP
...WHAT SHE WANTED.
I'M CURIOUS.
I BET MINAMI STILL LIKES KOJI, TOO.
BA-DUMP
HUH?
I'LL MAKE MINE HOME-MADE
YEAH, ME, TOO.
CHATTER
HOME-MADE IS BETTER
I AGREE
CHATTER
TH-
THIS IS...
OOOOOH

THIS IS...
GLARE
MINE FOR SURE...
EXPEN-SIVE CHOCO-ATE
GLARE
MINE WILL BE THE BEST
...WAR!


AND I HAVE AN OVERWHELMING DISADVANTAGE!
IT'S NONE OF MY BUSI-NESS!
DOOOM!

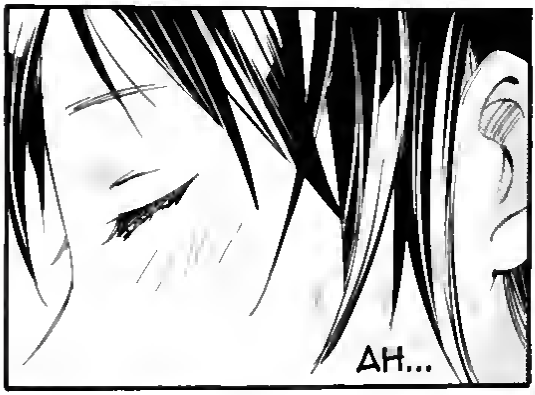

I'LL DO MY BEST..

ABOUT KOJI
丹波橋 MEMO
FAVORITE COLOR ♡ ORANGE
好きな色♡オレンジ
FOOD ♡ CURRY
たべもの♡カレー
SWEETS OK
甘いもの OK ←♡
RECENT HOBBIES ♡ TRAMPOLINE
マイブーム♡トランポリン
WANTS TO BUY ♡ BASKE
ほしいもの♡バス
HERE, I BROUGHT YOU CUPID'S ARROW.
I-I-I WASN'T EVEN PLANNING ON GIVING A VALENTINE TO...
MINAMI...
HERE, TAKE IT.
ど!ぞ!
...YOU SEEM TO HAVE THIS IDEA THAT GETTING THE GUY SHOULD BE CLEAN AND SIMPLE.
IF KOJI IS FEELING DOWN...
...THEN IT'S UP TO YOU TO MAKE HIM HAPPY!
TH-THAT'S NOT---
THIS IS YOUR CHANCE!

WHY ARE YOU HOLDING BACK?!
BE-CAUSE
...I CAN SEE THAT..
KOJI HASN'T LOST INTEREST IN INARI.
IT'S LIKE HE MIGHT BE TRYING TO MAKE HIMSELF GIVE UP ON HER .
WHAT? WHAT WAS THAT FOR?
ハアアア

DING DONG
SEE YOU!
GOOD-BYE!
BYE-BYE.
DING DONG
LET'S GO, KOJI. WE HAVE A PRACTICE GAME TODAY.
YEAH! I'M READY TO GO NOW.
THE CAPTAIN SAID HE'D BE LATE.
KLATTER
I'M GOING TO GIVE THIS TO THE TEACHER. I'LL BE RIGHT BACK.
WE'LL WAIT HERE.
HMPH
KOJI...

WHAT THE HECK IS UP WITH HIM?
BUT...I'M HAPPY.


AH...

THEY'RE GOING TO PICK A NEW CAPTAIN SOON.
THAT'S...
...THE HARD-WORKING KOJI THAT I KNOW.
LET'S DO OUR BEST!

...I REALLY LOVE HIM.

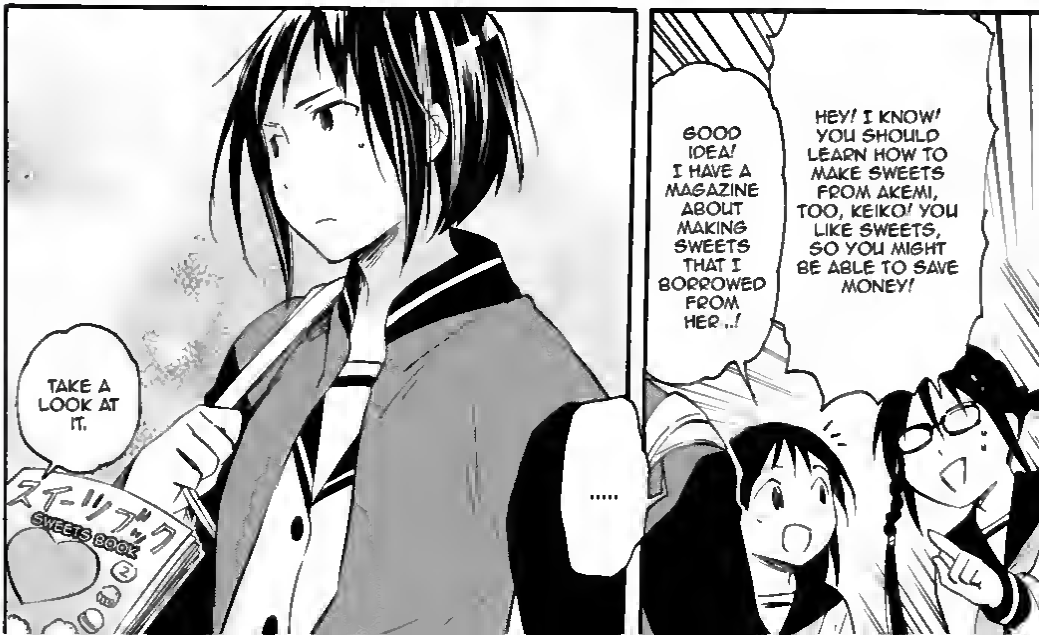
VALENTINE'S IS SUCH A PAIN... JUST TELL HIM YOU LIKE HIM ALREADY.
HEY, KEIKO! DON'T PULL ON IT!
WHAP!
わ
しっ!
SHWISHH
UWAH!
SHWOOSH
.....
I DON'T GET IT...
I JUST WANT TO ENJOY THE OCCASION!
...AND FRANKLY, I DON'T CARE
HUFF
CREAK

I'M LEAVING.
KEIKO!
WE SAID WE WOULD WAIT FOR AKEMI
?
JUST TELL HER I WENT HOME
GRRRR...
WHY YOU--!!
KEIKO!

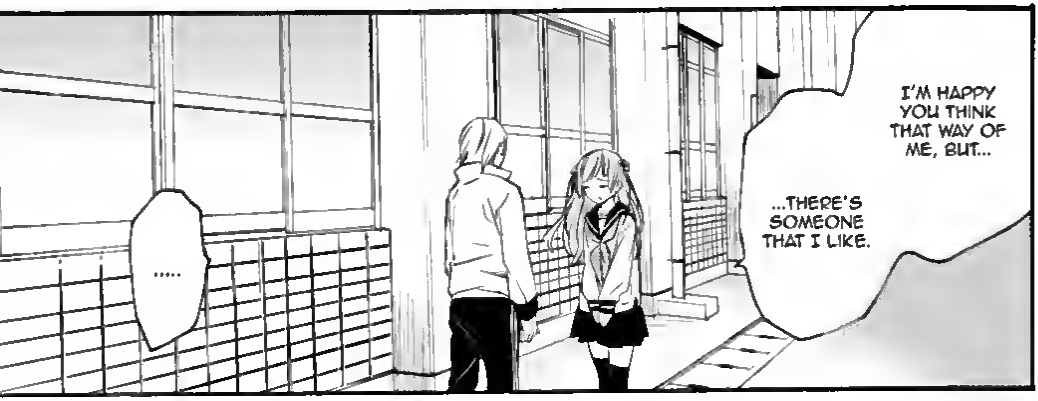
I GET THAT YOU THINK IT'S A PAIN AND AREN'T INTERESTED...
—BUT SAYING THAT TO PEOPLE WHO ARE ENJOYING THEMSELVES ONLY HURTS THEM...
—AND IT SEEMS KIND OF SAD THAT YOU'D DECIDE YOU DON'T LIKE SOMETHING BEFORE YOU'VE EVEN GIVEN IT A CHANCE.

IT WOULDN'T HURT YOU TO TRY AND CHANGE YOUR ATTITUDE A BIT!

WHAAA?
WHAAA?
EHHH...?


TAKE A LOOK AT IT.
スイーツブック
SWEETS BOOK
.....
GOOD IDEA! I HAVE A MAGAZINE ABOUT MAKING SWEETS THAT I BORROWED FROM HER..!
HEY! I KNOW! YOU SHOULD LEARN HOW TO MAKE SWEETS FROM AKEMI, TOO, KEIKO! YOU LIKE SWEETS, SO YOU MIGHT BE ABLE TO SAVE MONEY!

I'M REALLY SORRY.


I'M HAPPY YOU THINK THAT WAY OF ME, BUT...
...THERE'S SOMEONE THAT I LIKE.
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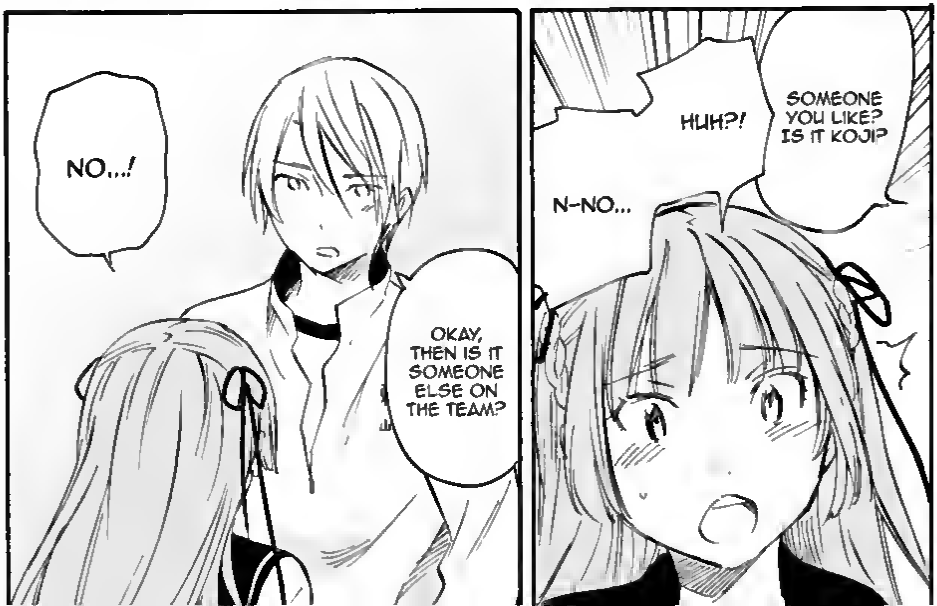
SOMEONE YOU LIKE? IS IT KOJI?
HUH?!
N-NO...
NO...!
OKAY, THEN IS IT SOMEONE ELSE ON THE TEAM?

.....
I'M SORRY, I DON'T WANT TO GIVE UP YET. COULD YOU PLEASE TELL ME?
I WON'T TELL ANYONE.
HIS TELLING ME HE THAT LIKES ME PROBABLY TOOK A LOT OF COURAGE...
...AND I ALMOST TOOK ADVANTAGE OF HIM.
...THAT I LIKE
HUH?
TH-THE PER-SON
...THAT I LIKE IS
THESE ARE MY TRUE FEELINGS.
SO...

KEIKO.
KEIKO SANJO.
...IS MY CLASSMATE.
...MY FRIEND...
THE PERSON...
...THAT I LIKE...

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BORN NOVEMBER 22
SCORPIO
BLOOD TYPE O
HEIGHT: 4'8"
HOBBIES: SEWING, KNITTING
KUZUHA FUSHIMI
HATSUMA FUSHIMI
BORN AUGUST 31
VIRGO
BLOOD TYPE A
HEIGHT: 5'10"
HOBBIES: PEOPLE WATCHING

BORN AUGUST 15
LEO
BLOOD TYPE A
HEIGHT: 5'3"
HOBBIES: PHOTOGRAPHY, JOURNALING
SHIZU TANBABASHI
BORN AUGUST 15
LEO
BLOOD TYPE O
LIKES: PLAYING, DRAWING
SHIRO TANBABASHI

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MISTRESS UKA...
..YOU'RE BACK!
Y-YES... INARI, ARE YOU GOING SOMEWHERE?
TWITCH
CLACK
!
SEE YOU TONIGHT!
OH!
CAN I VISIT YOU AT THE SHRINE TONIGHT?
I'M GOING TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE SWEETS AT AKEMI'S HOUSE.
OKAY, SEE YOU LATER.
YAY!
OF COURSE!

OH, TOKA'S STUDYING IN HIS ROOM AGAIN TODAY, BY THE WAY!
TUP TUP TUP
.....
I THINK YOU'VE MADE A WONDERFUL FRIEND.
I KNOW, MIYA...

GREAK
ギィ…
KNOCK
KNOCK
JUST ACT...
...NOR-MAL...
YEAH...?
ガチャ
CLACK
慟哭
GRIEF

??
CLICK
?
BAM CLICK
STOMP
OUCH!
RUSTLE RUSTLE RUSTLE THUNK
SLAM
CLICK
H-HEY...
...IT'S BEEN A WHILE.
WHEEZE
WHEEZE
?
IT MUST BE HARD FOR YOU.
..HAVING TO STUDY ON YOUR DAY OFF.
ENGLISH READING COMPREHENSION DRILLS
CENTER EXAM HIGH SCORE

222
CAMPUS BOYS
VITAMIN D
ARE YOU MAKING SURE TO GET ENOUGH REST?
I'M DOING ALL RIGHT
HERE!
WHA?!
YOU CAME TO GET THIS, RIGHT?
...!

I HELD ON TO IT FOR YOU. YOU'D BETTER BE HAPPY.
TH...
THANKS.
...?!
YOU REALLY DID HOLD ONTO IT THE WHOLE TIME.
SNIFF
SNIFF

SWOOSH
SHOOMP
WHAT ARE YOU DOING?
I'LL PUT YOUR HAIR UP, SO SIT.
YOU DON'T HAVE TO...
I MEAN IT. SIT DOWN.
..YOUR SCENT.
IT HAS...
SWIFF
SWIFF
SWIFF
SWIFF
AHH THAT WAS CLOSE..
HUH? WHAT WAS ..?
NOTHING...

ゴク
GULP
.....

WELL, YEAH, I GUESS

TOKA. . YOU SEEM RATHER USED TO THIS...
IS THERE .. SOMEONE YOU OFTEN HELP WITH THEIR HAIR?

I USED TO DO INARI'S HAIR, SO I GOT USED TO IT.
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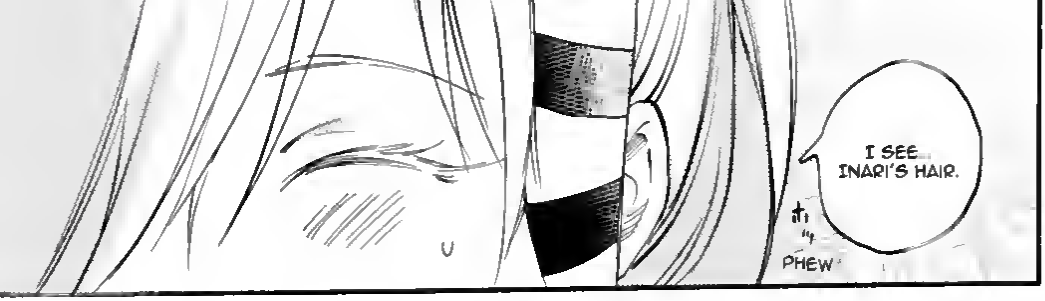
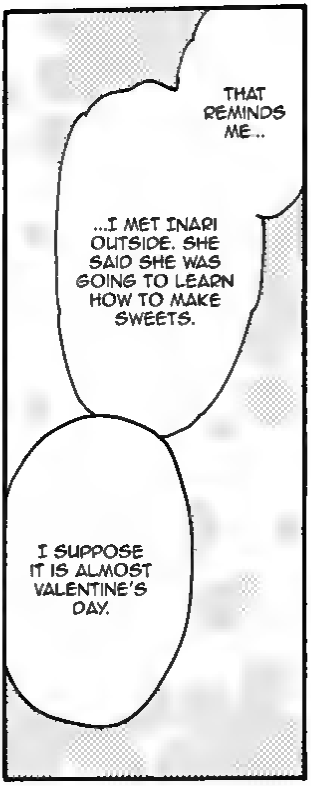

I SEE... INARI'S HAIR.
PHEW

YEAH.. VALEN..
...TINE'S..


THAT REMINDS ME..
...I MET INARI OUTSIDE. SHE SAID SHE WAS GOING TO LEARN HOW TO MAKE SWEETS.
I SUPPOSE IT IS ALMOST VALENTINE'S DAY.

SHWIP
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.....
.....
S

I CAME HOME.
...
..DIDN'T COME JUST TO GET MY HAIR TIE..
...I...
TOKA...
...TODAY

FAILURE...
ALL I DID WAS MELT IT AND PUT IT IN MOLDS, HOW DID THIS HAPPEN...?
I-INARI..
..CHOCOLATE IS SURPRISINGLY DIFFICULT. LET'S TRY AGAIN!
BUT I WANT TO MAKE TRUFFLES AND TRY OTHER THINGS, TOO...
HAS KOJI SAID ANYTHING SINCE YOU GOT BACK?
..
NOT A THING..

HE WON'T EVEN LOOK ME IN THE EYE...
Ha ha ha...
...
HE HAS BEEN A LITTLE COLD SINCE YOU TURNED HIM DOWN AT CHRISTMAS.
YEAH, BUT IT'S MY FAULT FOR CANCELING PLANS LAST MINUTE. I'M A JERK.
HMM...
MAYBE, KOJI WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO...
...SPENDING CHRISTMAS WITH YOU.
HUH?!
HE DOESN'T SEEM THE TYPE TO GET ANGRY JUST BECAUSE YOU CANCELED PLANS.
.....

HEE HEE
MAYBE HE'S NOT MAD, AND HE'S JUST POUTING
I'M HOME...
CLACK

IF...

WEL-COME HOME!
OH, PAPA!
PITTER-PATTER
.....

IF THAT'S WHAT KOJI REALLY THINKS..
IT WOULD BE LIKE A DREAM COME TRUE
.. BUT, THAT'S--
NICE TO MEET YOU. YOU MUST BE INARI.
MY, MY!

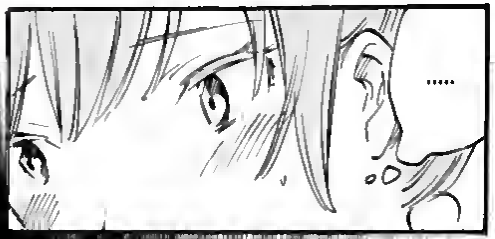
WELCOME TO OUR HOME. ♡

ビクンッ
TWITCH
EVERYONE HAS THE SAME REACTION WHEN THEY MEET ME, IT'S SO CUTE
ビクッ
TWITCH
UH, UH, S-SURE. I'LL C-CALL AND TELL MY FAM- ERR- YEAH, I-I'D LOVE TO...

PAPA, DO YOU WANT TO EAT BEFORE LEAVING?
THAT SOUNDS LOVELY! I HAVE TIME BEFORE WE OPEN. CAN YOU FIX US SOMETHING?
OKAY.
INARI, IT'S A BIT EARLY, BUT YOU SHOULD JOIN US.
.....

I'M SURE I'VE MADE THINGS DIFFICULT FOR YOU...
PAPA!
IT DOESN'T BOTHER ME ANYMORE.
HOW LONG HAS IT BEEN SINCE YOU'VE HAD FRIENDS OVER THIS OFTEN, AKEMI?
THIS IS SO GOOD.
GOBBLE
INARI, I HOPE YOU AND AKEMI WILL BE GOOD FRIENDS FOR A LONG TIME.
OF COURSE!
INARI, AND CHIKA, WHO WAS HERE THE OTHER DAY...
OH, AND...

BLUUUUSH
カアア
OKAY... YEAH SOMEDAY.


.....

!
...YOU SHOULD INVITE KEIKO OVER SOMETIME, TOO.

2-A
AH...
...AKEMI, YOU'RE BACK!
SORRY FOR MAKING YOU WAIT.

WE DIDN'T WAIT LONG. DON'T WORRY ...
READY TO GO?
KEIKO, YOU WAITED, TOO? I THOUGHT FOR SURE YOU WOULD HAVE GONE HOME ALREADY.
.....
?
KEIKO JUST WENT LOOKING FOR YOU, BUT SHE COULDN'T FIND YOU.
KEIKO WANTS YOU TO TEACH HER HOW TO MAKE SWEETS.
HEH HEH
HUH??! M-M-ME? TEACH KEIKO...?
THAT'S ENOUGH!

FORGET IT
IT'S NOT
MY STYLE
AFTER ALL
JEEZ...
K-
KEIKO...
LET'S
GO
ALREADY
KEIKO...?
IS SHE
AVOIDING ME?
BUT WHY...?

EASY, SHIRO... DON'T TRIP!
YOU REALLY LIKE GOING OUT TO EAT.
SKWEEZ
WE'RE EEEEEEATING...
...OUT!!
I SEE HER AT SCHOOL, AND SHE SEEMS GOOD. WHY DO YOU ASK?
I THOUGHT SHE MIGHT HAVE CAUGHT A COLD.
I LOVE IT!
WE GET IT.
!
HEY, KOJI, HOW IS INARI?

A WHILE AGO, I SAW HER STANDING HERE LOOKING UP AT THE APARTMENT.
HUH?
WH-WHEN?!
HMM... I DON'T REMEMBER EXACTLY, BUT IT WAS AROUND THE BEGINNING OF YOUR WINTER BREAK...
IT WAS ON THE DAY I WORKED LATE PREPARING CHRISTMAS CAKES...
IT MIGHT HAVE BEEN CHRISTMAS EVE.

MAYBE SHE HAS FRIENDS AROUND HERE
IT MUST HAVE BEEN COLD, THOUGH...
SHE'S A BIT UNUSUAL, THAT GIRL
.....

...LOOK HOW FAR I'VE GOTTEN ON MY SCARF!
SO I DIDN'T GET ANY CHOCOLATES MADE, BUT...

I...I HAVE NO ONE TO GIVE THEM TO.
OH!
REALLY?
BUT, I'LL GIVE YOU SOME CHOCOLATES!

WOW! THAT'S GREAT. YOU'RE DOING SO WELL.
I'M SURE KOJI WILL BE PLEASED.
HEE HEE. THAT WOULD BE WONDERFUL.

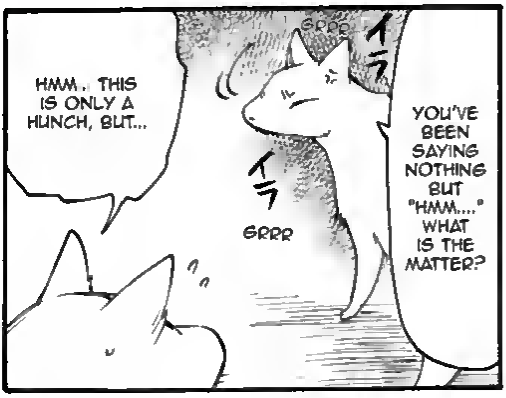
WHA?

ARE YOU GOING TO MAKE ANY CHOCOLATES, MISTRESS UKA?

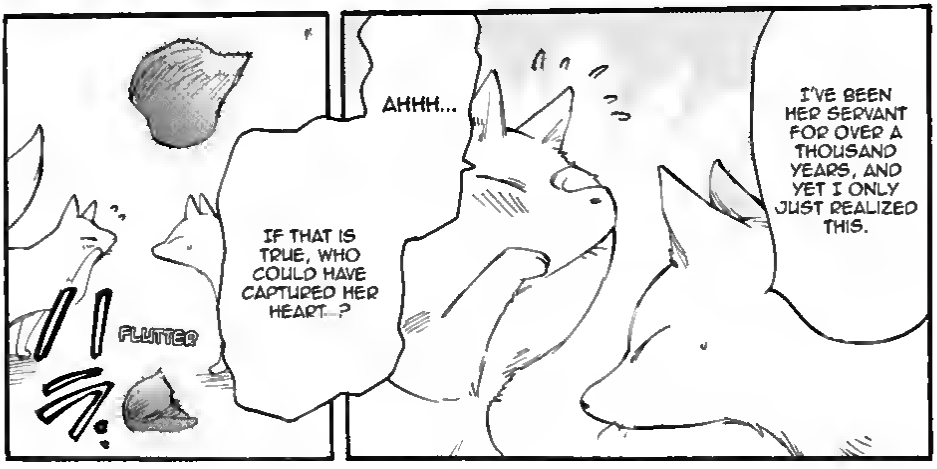
I'M MAKING LOTS OF CHOCOLATES TO GIVE TO FRIENDS, SO I'LL GIVE YOU SOME, TOO!
WELL...
...I WILL GIVE YOU SOME CHOCO-LATES, TOO, INA!
THEN...
YAY!
I SEE...
IF GIVING CHOCOLATES TO FRIENDS IS OKAY, THEN...
..MAYBE I COULD...
..GIVE SOME.

THEY'RE TALKING ABOUT VALENTINE'S DAY...
AND OF LOVE...
HMMMM...
MISTRESS UKA HAS TAKEN INTEREST IN MORE AND MORE HUMAN EVENTS.
IT'S GOOD TO SEE HER ENJOY HERSELF
HMMMMMMM...

IT IS ONLY A SLIGHT CHANGE, SO PERHAPS MISS INARI HAS NOT NOTICED YET, BUT...
...WHEN HAVING THESE DISCUSSIONS, MISTRESS UKA'S EXPRESSION HAS COME TO RESEMBLE MISS INARI'S.


HMM.. THIS IS ONLY A HUNCH, BUT...
GRRR
YOU'VE BEEN SAYING NOTHING BUT "HMM...." WHAT IS THE MATTER?

WHAAAAAT?!
.. IT MAY BE THAT MISTRESS UKA HAS FALLEN FOR SOMEONE.


FLUTTER
IF THAT IS TRUE, WHO COULD HAVE CAPTURED HER HEART...?
AHHH...
I'VE BEEN HER SERVANT FOR OVER A THOUSAND YEARS, AND YET I ONLY JUST REALIZED THIS.

Ooooooooh
OH.
SORRY, MOM, BUT CAN I STOP BY THE SHRINE REAL QUICK?
SURE. YOU WANT TO PRAY FOR SOMETHING?
ME, TOO...!!

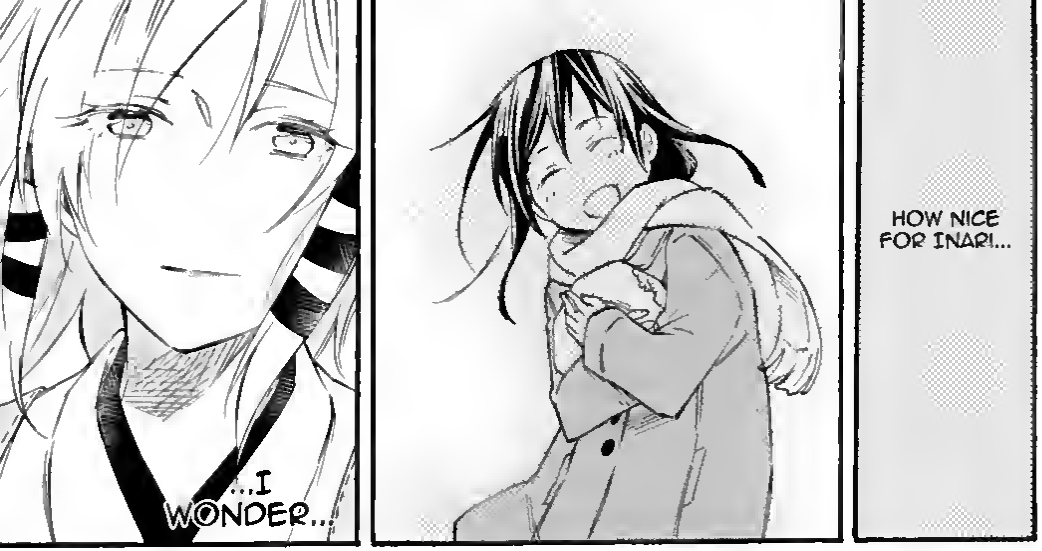
CHING
チャリン
チャリン
CHING
I'VE NEVER...
...MADE THIS KIND OF WISH BEFORE BUT...
...!

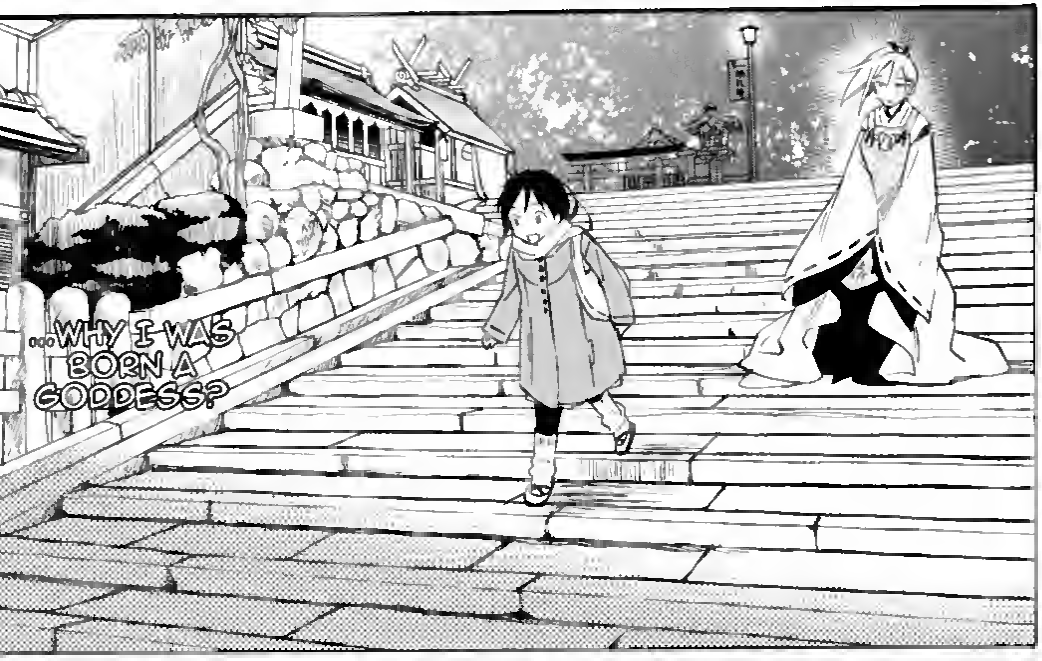
...
INARI.

.....
MISTRESS UKA?

HUH? WHAT? WHAT IS IT?!

HOW NICE...
OKAY! I'LL DO THAT.
?
INARI, NEXT TIME YOU MEET KOJI, TRY APOLOGIZING ONE MORE TIME.


HOW NICE FOR INARI...
...I WONDER...


...WHY I WAS BORN A GODDESS?

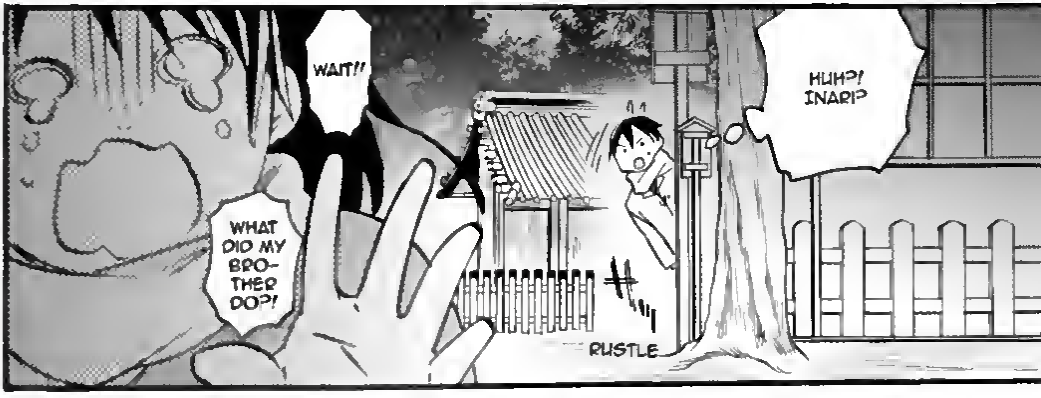
PAT
HM?

EEEEE-EKKKK!!!
EEEEEEEKKKK!!!

?!
WHO IS THIS BOY YOU LIKE?!
T-T-TELL ME...
SOB
HELP...
U...
SNIFF
U...U...
SOB
MIS-TRESS UKA.

HUH? MISTRESS IKA... DO YOU LIKE SOME-ONE...?
NO, NO, YOU'RE WRONG!
すんすん SNIFF SNIFF SNIFF
...?!
すん SNIFF
TWITCH
THIS SMELL.. IT CAN'T BE...
...!
BLUSH
I'LL DELIVER DIVINE PUNISHMENT UPON THAT PUNK KID!!
NO, DOOON'T!
SCHWING

奉
EEK!


WAIT!!
WHAT DID MY BRO-THER DO?!
HUH?! INARI?
RUSTLE

ア WAAAHHH..
?
SLIP SLIP
NNNGGGGHH

KOJI, I'M HUNNNGRY.
KOJI, WAS THERE SOME-THING ELSE YOU WANTED HERE?
NO, SORRY. LET'S GO.
RRRUMMMMBLLLE
ぐぎゅる～

"...SHE'S A BIT UNUSUAL, THAT GIRL."
INARI HAS CERTAINLY DONE A LOT OF WEIRD THINGS IN THE PAST..

I.. CAN'T TELL YOU WHY...
WHY NOT?

E--
EVERYTHING IS FINE!

"I'M NOT GOING TO BE BESTED BY THIS GUY!"
ぶんっ
HUFF
ぶんっ
HUFF
?

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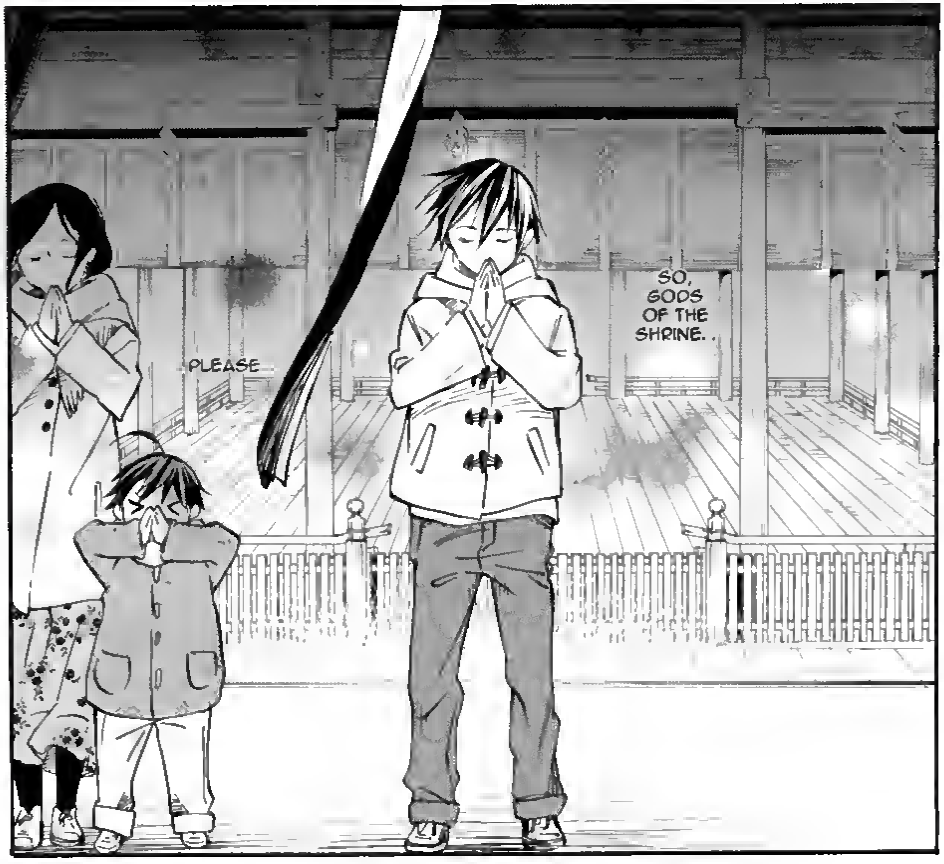
Chapter 35

TOMORROW, IF I BECOME CAPTAIN OF THE BASKETBALL TEAM...
...I WILL TELL INARI HOW I FEEL ABOUT HER


SO, GODS OF THE SHRINE...
PLEASE

Chapter 35

GATHER 'ROUND!
PWEEET!
TODAY IS MORE THAN A GAME— IT'S A DEMONSTRATION OF OUR RESULTS FROM THIS YEAR
ANYONE WHO FEELS THEY HAVEN'T DONE THEIR BEST THIS YEAR, SHOULD FEEL FREE TO LEAVE.
YES, SIR!

I WONDER WHO THE NEXT CAPTAIN WILL BE.
I'D PREFER KOJI, BUT...
.....
...HE HASN'T BEEN PLAYING VERY WELL LATELY.

DO YOU KNOW THE REASON, AKEMI?
FWIP
W...
WELL...

I WON'T TELL ANYONE WHAT YOU TOLD ME...
...RELAX...
I HOPE IT WORKS OUT FOR YOU.
!
TH--
THANK YOU.

WE TOOK TOO LONG CLEANING...
ALL BECAUSE I LOST AT ROCK-PAPER-SCISSORS .!
AHHH!
WE HAVE TO HURRY THE GAME IS ABOUT TO START!
2-A

HUH?
WHERE IS KEIKO?
FWIP
FWIP
WHAT? WHERE DID SHE DISAPPEAR TO?
DO YOU THINK SHE WENT HOME ALREADY?
SHE ALWAYS STAYS LATE WITH US...
SHFF

AKEMI!
!
.....
HAS THE GAME ALREADY STARTED?!
IT JUST STARTED NOW.
IT'S COLD, SO SHUT THE DOOR BEHIND YOU
HOW MANY OF THESE GIRLS DO YOU THINK ARE AFTER KOJI?
UGH...
CHIKA...
LOOK AT HOW MANY PEOPLE CAME TO WATCH!
KYAA
OOH OHH
KA-TSU-RA!
KYAA
YEAHHH!
GO GET 'EM OMI-YA!
KOJI!

I'M GOING...
!!
...TO APOLOGIZE PROPERLY, AND THEN...
...DO MY BEST MAKING THE SCARF AND THE CHOCOLATES...
"MAYBE KOJI WAS LOOKING FORWARD TO SPENDING CHRISTMAS WITH YOU."

LETTING MYSELF BELIEVE THAT YOU DON'T HATE ME...
KOJI...
...!
FWIP

I CAN DO THAT MUCH, CAN'T I?

ハア
HUFF
WHAT DOES "LIKE" MEAN ANYWAY?
WE'RE BOTH GIRLS!
トボ
PLOD
THIS IS BEYOND ME..
BUT I CAN'T AVOID HER FOREVER...
トボ
PLOD
HM?
AH...
HOW DID I GET TO THE SHRINE?

INARI'S RUBBED OFF ON ME.

SHE LIKES MOM'S COOK-ING...
YOUR MOTHER'S INARI SUSHI IS SO GOOD. MY FAMILIARS ALL LOVE THEM.
SHE COULD AT LEAST BRING THEM HERSELF INSTEAD OF ASKING ME.

THANK YOU SO MUCH.

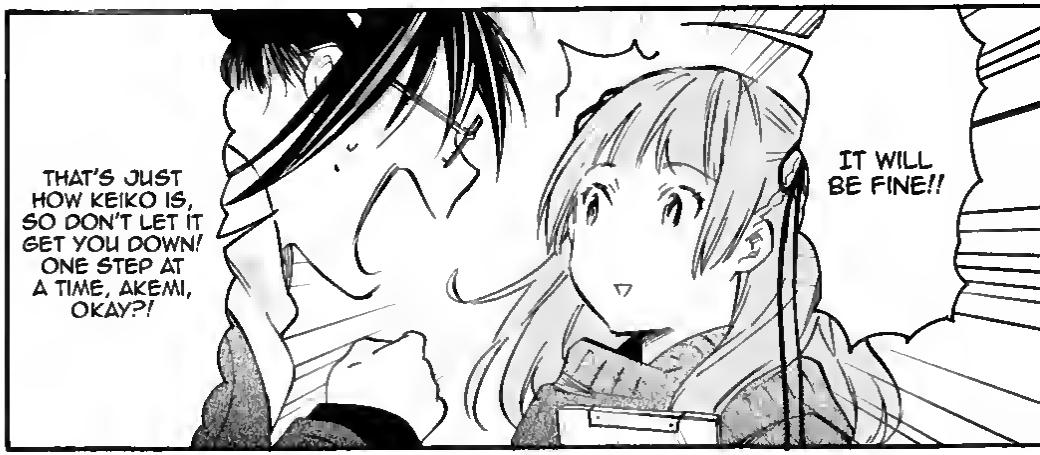
TOKA... BY...THE WAY...

...DO YOU LIKE SWEETS?
?
I DON'T LIKE TO EAT SWEETS AT ALL...
...!
UH!
...W-WOULD BE A SILLY THING TO SAY!
I-I ESPECIALLY LIKE, Y-YOU KNOW, COCOA-RELATED SWEETS!
TALKING TO YOURSELF, TOKA?
FREEZE

OH, IT'S YOU, KEIKO. WHAT BRINGS YOU HERE ON YOUR OWN?
UMM...
...HAS AKEMI SUMIZOME BEEN OVER TO YOUR HOUSE?
HUH?
YEAH, QUITE A LOT SINCE SUMMER. SHE'S HAD DINNER WITH MY FAMILY A COUPLE OF TIMES, TOO.
...!
THE FIRST TIME I MET HER, I THOUGHT SHE WAS A PERVERTED GIRL.
HUH?
SHE BURST INTO MY ROOM ONCE WHILE I WAS CHANGING.
GRR!
SHE'S NOT THE TYPE OF GIRL TO DO THAT!

WHAT'S WRONG?
.....
?
I MEAN, SHE'S--!!
KEIKO SANJO IS THE PERSON I LIKE.
.....
NO, I WOULDN'T WANT TO FUEL YOUR OVERACTIVE IMAGINATION.
I'LL LISTEN IF YOU NEED TO TALK.
WHAT?
I DO NOT HAVE AN OVERACTIVE IMAGINATION!
FWISH
エ

YAY!
YAY! AHHH!
OHH! YAY!
HA HA HA...
. HA HA...
HMMMM...
SHE PROBABLY WENT HOME AND FELL ASLEEP..
ONE OF THESE WINTERS, SHE'S JUST GOING TO HIBERNATE! HA HA HA!
SHE WON'T PICK UP.
CALL HISTORY
KEIKO SANJO
KEIKO SANJO
KEIKO SANJO
HOME
AKEMI
YEAH...

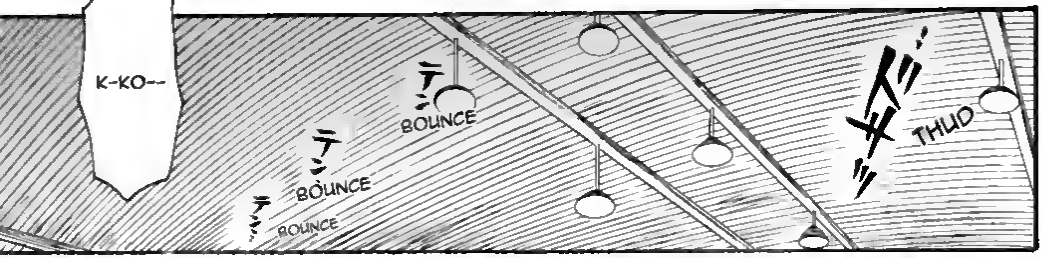

THAT'S JUST HOW KEIKO IS, SO DON'T LET IT GET YOU DOWN! ONE STEP AT A TIME, AKEMI, OKAY?!
IT WILL BE FINE!!

!!
THANKS, CHIKA.
AHHHHHH!

HUH? OH NO...
LOOKS LIKE HIS GAME IS OFF TODAY, TOO.
KOJI. .
コーイ
OVER THERE!
HAA...
I KNOW! I WILL USE THE POWER OF MY OWN WORDS..
PLEASE TAKE CARE SO THAT YOU DON'T LOSE CONTROL OF YOUR DIVINE POWER
!
MISS INARI.

BLUSH
GO GET 'EM, KOJI!
I---
CRICK
CRICK
I-INAR...
AH!

THUNK


K-KO--
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
BOUNCE
THUD

YOU HAVE A HUGE BUMP. LET'S GO TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE.
I-I'M OKAY. IT'S NOTHING...

TODAY IS... AN IMPORTANT DAY...

THIS FEELS LIKE DÉJÀ VU...
KOJI!
THAT SOUNDED AWFUL

KOJI...
YOU SHOULD GO TO THE NURSE'S OFFICE...
!!
I-INA--
OUCH!
SKWEEEZ
YOU HIT YOUR HEAD
SKWEEZ
SKWEEZ
WHAT IF YOU ONLY MAKE IT WORSE?
B-BUT, AFTER THEY DECIDED THE NEW CAPTAIN I WAS GO--
SKEE
SKEE
WAIT! I MEAN IT. I NEED TO PLAY!
YEAH, YEAH, LET'S GO.

TODAY'S GAME IS IMPORTANT!
INARI, WHAT DO YOU WANT TO DO?
DO YOU STILL WANT TO WATCH THE GAME?
CHIKA...
FWEEET
THUMP

SHHHA!
I'LL JOIN YOU LATER.
HUH? FINE, BUT WHERE ARE YOU GOING?
SO SEE HOW KOJI IS DOING.
BA-DAN
I JUST NEED TO BUY HIM TIME ..!
...UNTIL KOJI COMES BACK FROM THE NURSE'S OFFICE.
I WOULD BE NO HELP IN THE GAME, BUT I CAN AT LEAST TRY TO POSTPONE IT...
MISS INARI, ARE YOU GOING TO DO WHAT I THINK YOU ARE?

WHOOSH
INARI, KONKON...
...CHANGE SHAPE INTO...
KOJI!

.....
IF I CAN JUST STOP THE GAME FOR A SHORT TIME..
...I THINK THAT'S WHAT KOJI WOULD WANT.

KON, YOU'RE NOT GOING TO STOP ME?
フッ
HEH HEH!
IT'S YOUR DIVINE POWER TO USE AS YOU SEE FIT NOW, MISS INARI

ガラッ
RATTLE

IF MISTRESS UKA RESPECTS YOUR DECISIONS, THEN..
..I WON'T DISAGREE.

INARI DID?
?
THEN SHE WENT OFF SOME-WHERE...
TOILET, MAYBE?
.....
UH...UH... HI, I'M HERE TO HELP.
CHIKA!
YOU COULD HAVE STAYED AT THE GYM.
INARI TOLD ME TO COME HERE.
SWISH
SHUFF SHUFF SHUFF
GIVING BLOOD SAVES LIVES!
SHE'S STILL NOT HERE
MAYBE IT'S A NUMBER TWO
DONATE BLOOD!!

ひょい
PLOP
NOW'S MY CHANCE!
URGH...
ズキッ
TWINGE
トン
TUP

THIS IS THE FIRST TIME I'VE EVER...
...MADE AN IMPORTANT DECISION LIKE THIS!

I CAN'T MISS THE GAME OVER A BUMP ON THE HEAD...
TWINGE TWINGE
ズギ
ズギ
...EVEN IF I CAN'T GET IN THE GAME...
...MAYBE I CAN CONVINCE THEM TO POSTPONE IT...

RATTLE
WAIT, PLEASE!!
KOJI?
CHATTER
PLEASE WAIT BEFORE CONTINUING THE GAME!
ARE YOU OKAY? YOU'RE NOT SAYING YOU WANT BACK IN THE GAME, ARE YOU?
I'M FINE. IT'S JUST A SMALL BUMP.
RATTLE
WAIT, PLEASE!!

PLEASE WAIT...
...BEFORE...
...CON-TINUING...
...THE GA...

WHY...
OH NOOOO!
...DO I ALWAYS...
...MAKE SUCH A MESS OF THINGS?
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